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THE STORY SO FAR...

Sieg accepts **Haja's** invitation to fight, and after a battle that literally takes a week, **Seig** finally delivers the knockout blow, ensuring the safety of **Mildian's** citizens. Meanwhile, while **Haru's** body continues to heal from his use of the powerful sword **Sacrifar**, **Griff** and **Plue** are facing off against **Elie** and **Lazenby** in a dance competition. But when an assassin attempts to kill one of the participating dancers (who also happens to be a member of the **Oracion Six**), **Musica** vows to stop her by any means necessary...



THE **RAVE MASTER** CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

RUBY

A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET

A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

THE ORACION SIX

Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

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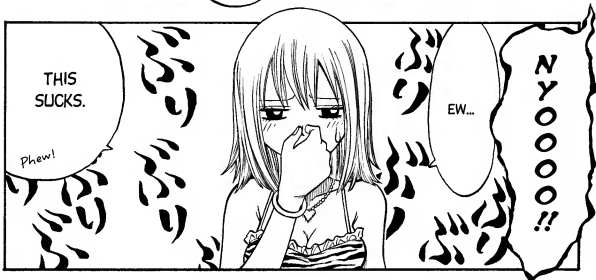
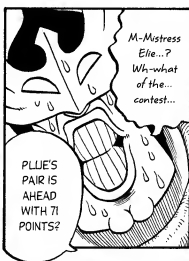
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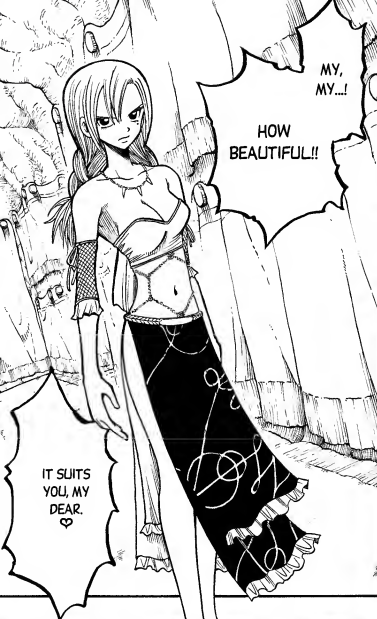


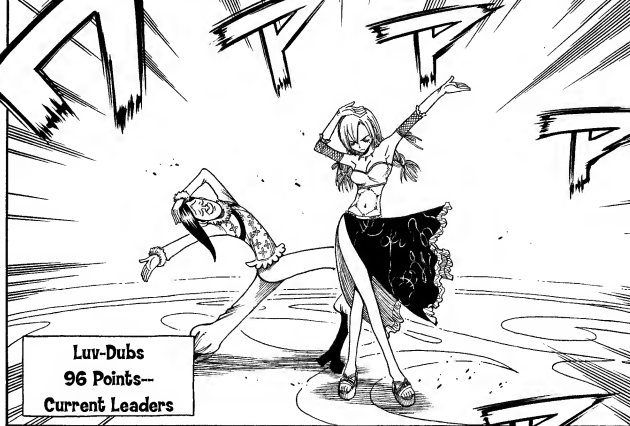
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RAVE MASTER









Luv-Dubs
96 Points--
Current Leaders

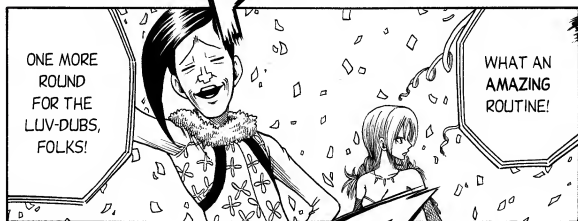


THEY'VE JUST
DANCED THEIR
WAY INTO
FIRST PLACE,
FAR BEYOND
THE WILD
ANIMALS' 7!!

SON
OF A...

I DIDN'T
EXPECT
THAT.

AND THE
LUV-DUBS
EARN A
WHOPPING
96 POINTS!



ONE MORE
ROUND
FOR THE
LUV-DUBS,
FOLKS!

WHAT AN
AMAZING
ROUTINE!

A close-up of a character's face, showing wide, worried eyes and a slightly open mouth. The character has spiky hair and is looking upwards.

COUNT ON
ELIE, POYO!



I SHOULD SEND
MY REGRETS TO
SIR IULIUS FOR
BEATING HIM.



SIR...
WHAT IS
THAT?

THAT'S A TOY!

... FRANCOISE.

...
FRANÇOISE.



WAIT A
MOMENT.

YOU...

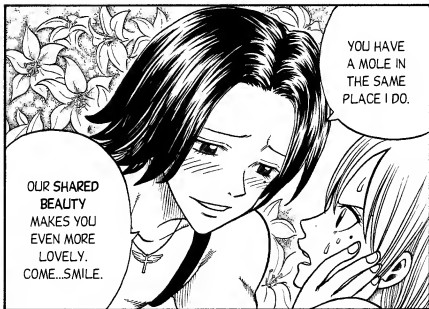


ALL
RIGHT.

I'LL GO
AHEAD
AND
CHANGE.

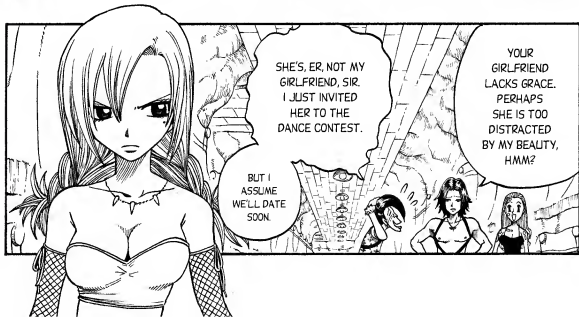


E-EXCUSE
ME...



YOU HAVE
A MOLE IN
THE SAME
PLACE I DO.

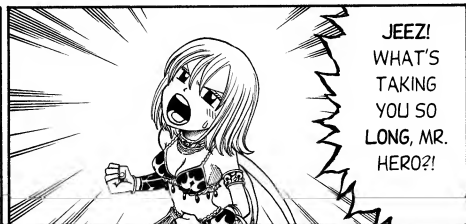
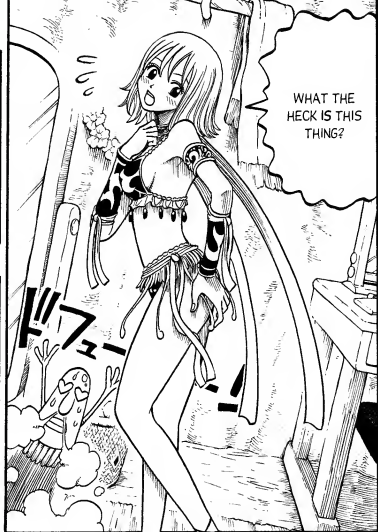
OUR SHARED
BEAUTY
MAKES YOU
EVEN MORE
LOVELY.
COME...SMILE.

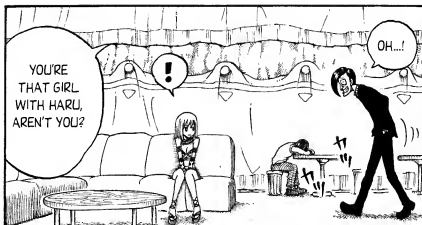


SHE'S, ER, NOT MY
GIRLFRIEND, SIR.
I JUST INVITED
HER TO THE
DANCE CONTEST.

BUT I
ASSUME
WE'LL DATE
SOON.

YOUR
GIRLFRIEND
LACKS GRACE.
PERHAPS
SHE IS TOO
DISTRACTED
BY MY BEAUTY,
HMM?





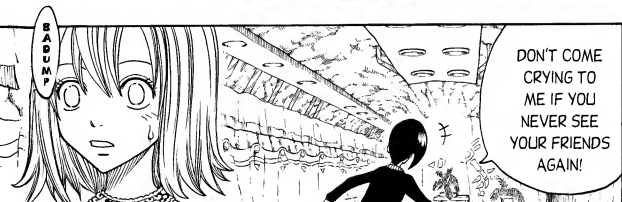


WELL,
AREN'T
YOU
FIERY?



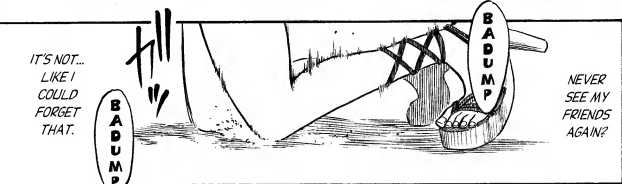
THB
BT!!

FINE. JUST
TELL LITTLE
HARU THAT
HE'LL NEVER
LEAVE THIS
CONTEST
ALIVE.



B
A
D
U
M
P

DON'T COME
CRYING TO
ME IF YOU
NEVER SEE
YOUR FRIENDS
AGAIN!

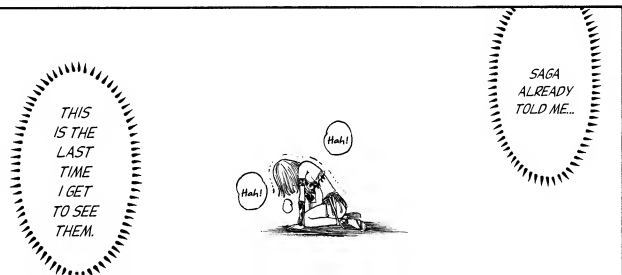


IT'S NOT...
LIKE I
COULD
FORGET
THAT.

B
A
D
U
M
P

B
A
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NEVER
SEE MY
FRIENDS
AGAIN?



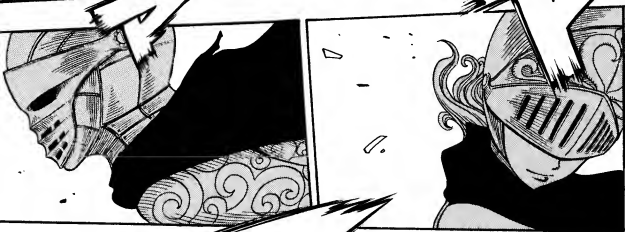
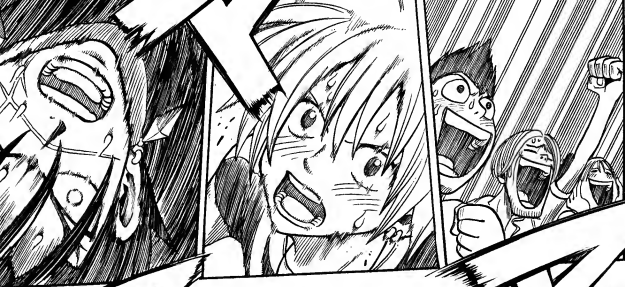
THIS
IS THE
LAST
TIME
I GET
TO SEE
THEM.

Hah!

Hah!

SAGA
ALREADY
TOLD ME...



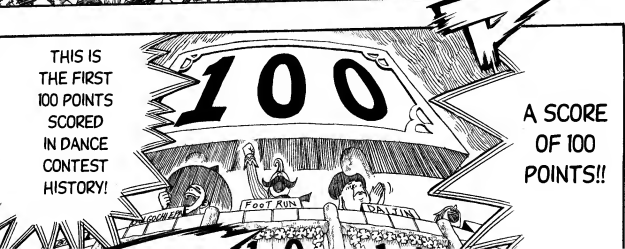


TH-THAT'S
A NEW
CONTEST
RECORD!

THIS IS
THE FIRST
100 POINTS
SCORED
IN DANCE
CONTEST
HISTORY!

100

A SCORE
OF 100
POINTS!!



I'VE NEVER
SEEN SUCH
A PERFECT
DANCE...

NOW
WHAT,
SHUDA?!

100
POINTS...
I DON'T
THINK
YOU CAN
GO ANY
HIGHER.

IT'S
THAT
GOOD,
POYO?

Better
than You
poyo?



WHAT AN
INFURIATINGLY



WHO ARE THOSE TWO?!

A black and white manga-style illustration of a character, likely a villain, wearing a mask with vertical slits for eyes and a wide, toothy grin. The character has a large, feathered headdress and is wearing a dark, open robe over a patterned garment. A speech bubble from the character contains the text: "WE ARE INHUMAN." The character is pointing their right index finger towards the viewer. The background is simple, with some small, scattered marks.

IS THEIR
VICTORY
GUARANTEED?!
THEY'RE
ALMOST
INHUMAN!!

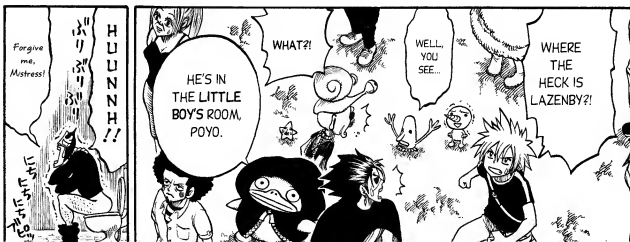
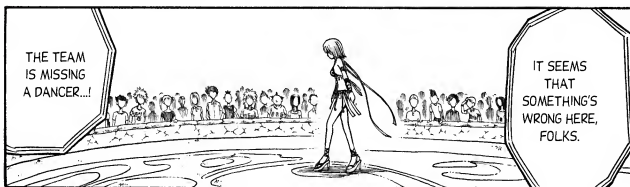
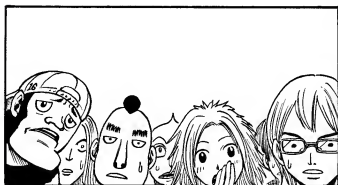
DRAGON DANCERS
100 POINTS--
CURRENT LEADERS

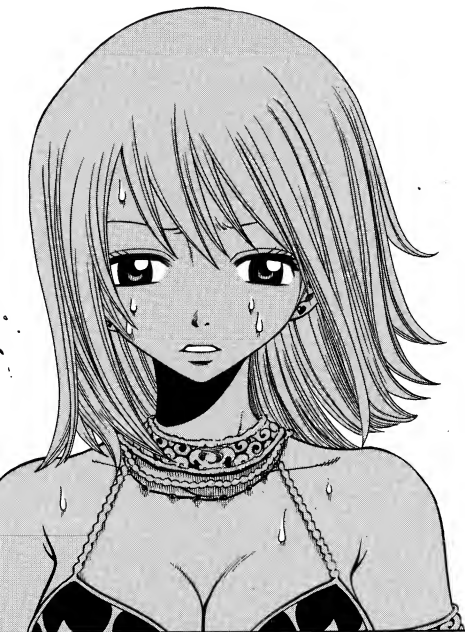
LAZENBY
ASIDE, ELIE
HAS AN
IMPRESSIVE
KNACK FOR
DANCING.

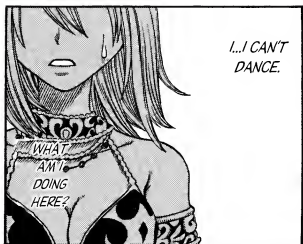
IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU
TO GIVE
UP.

WE'RE
GONNA
LOSE.
NUTS!

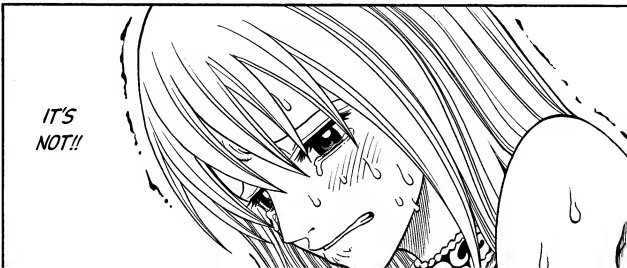
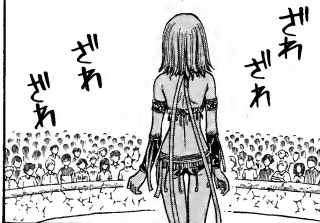
ELIE CAN
STILL GET
HER OWN
HUNDRED
POINTS.

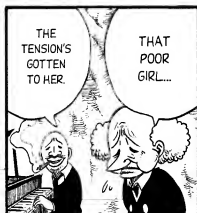
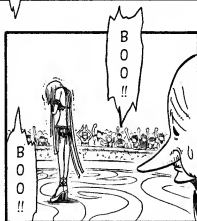






I...I CAN'T
DANCE.





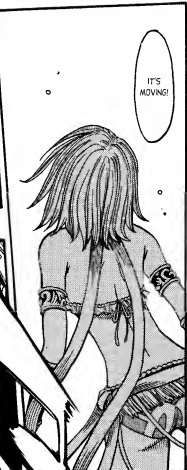




HUH
...?



MY
B-BODY
...



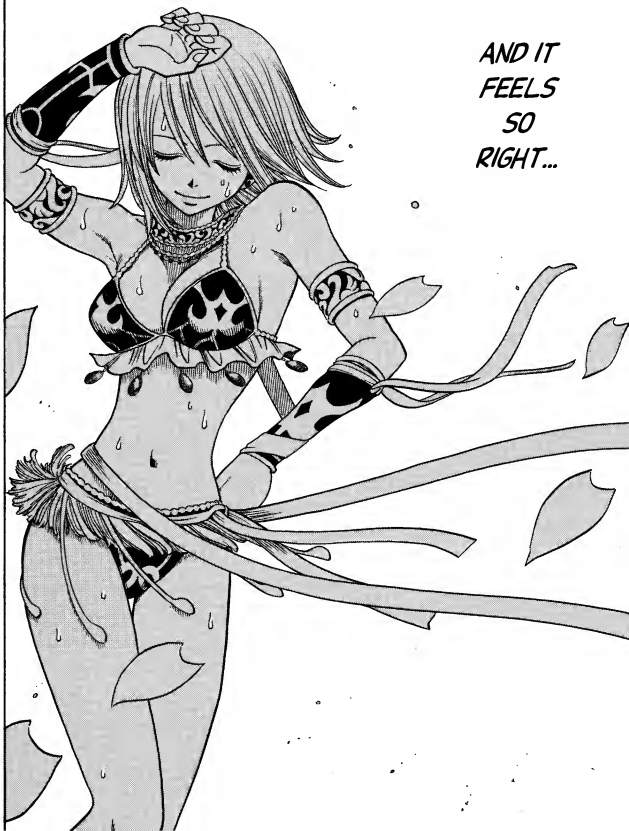
IT'S
MOVING!



I
KNOW
...
... THIS
SONG.



AND IT
FEELS
SO
RIGHT...



RAVE MASTER

HUSH, YOU TWO. MY HIPS ARE FAR TOO BRITTLE.

Crust

TAKE ME, TAKE ME!

GRANDMA, CAN WE GO TO THE CONTEST?

THEN WHY DON'T YOU BRING THEM, HM?

YEAH!

POPPYCOCK! YOU CAN TAKE THEM THAT FAR.

I WANNA SEE THE CONTEST!

GRANDMA-- LET'S ALL GO TOGETHER!

BUSINESS IS TOO HECTIC TODAY.

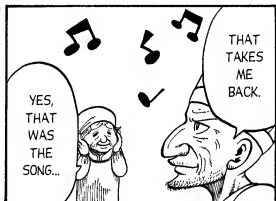
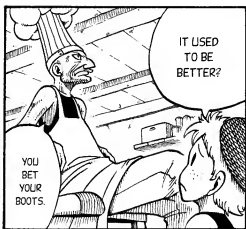
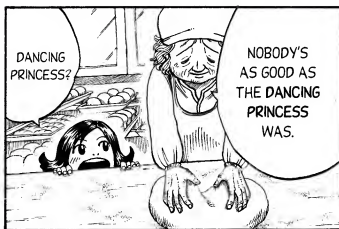
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY?

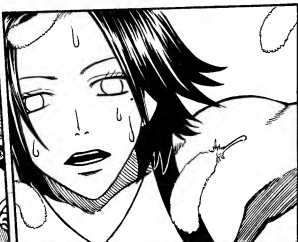
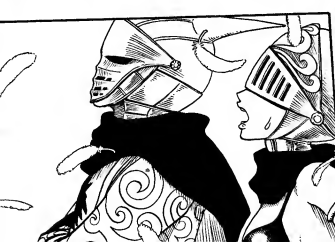
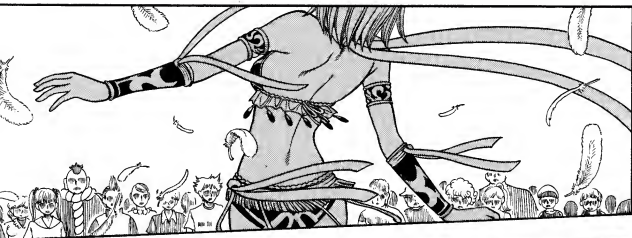
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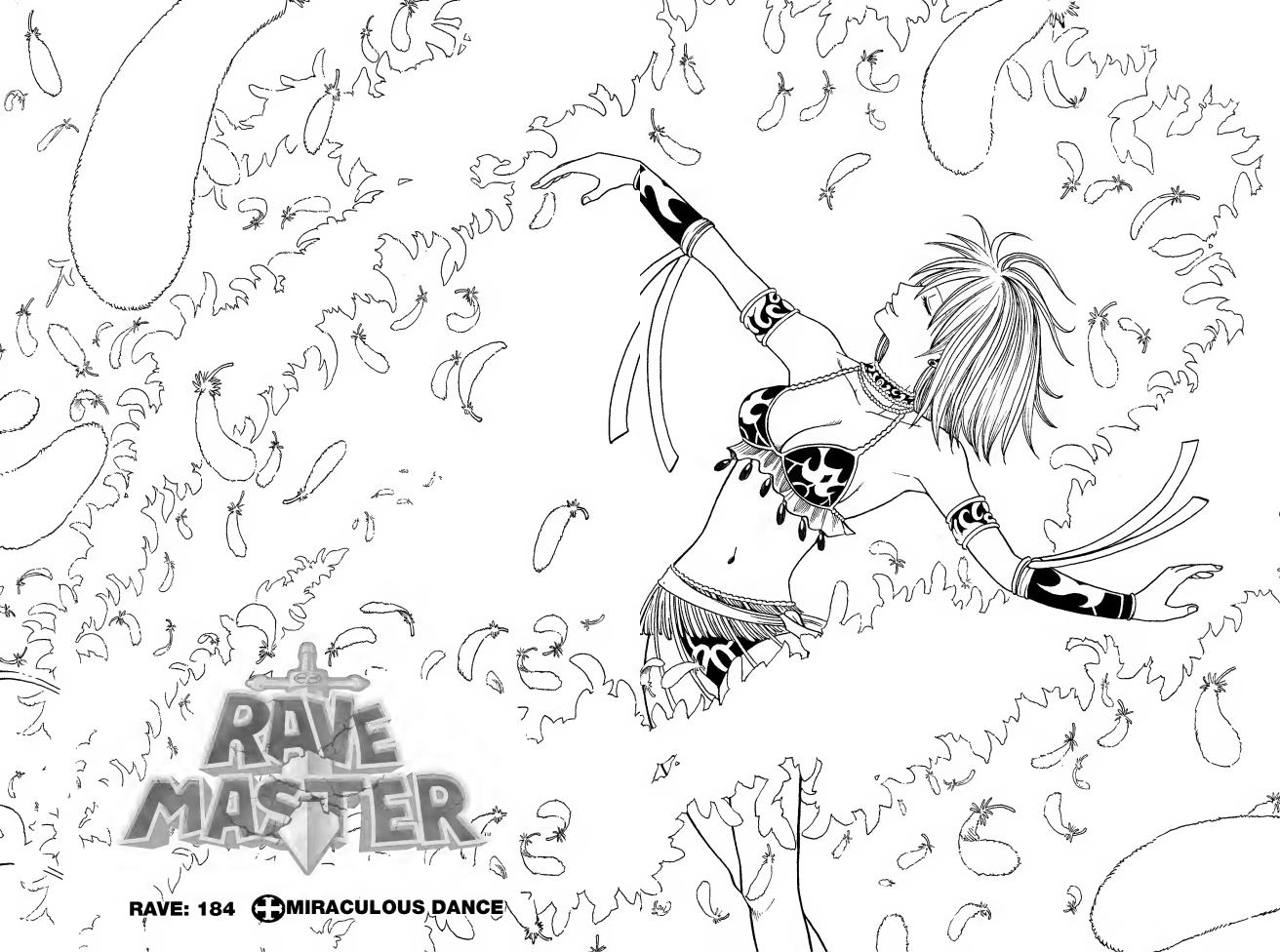
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M M M

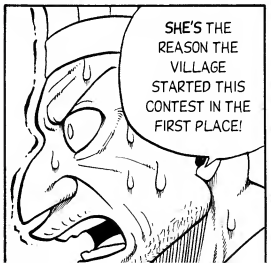
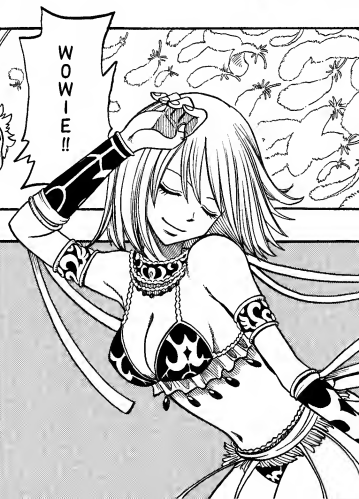
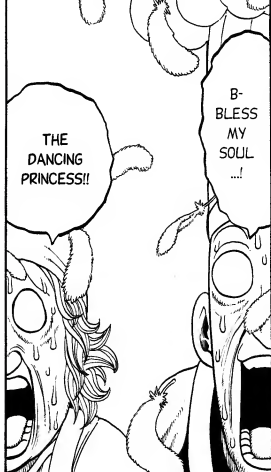








**RAVE
MASTER**





THE
GIANT SNAKE
YURLINGUR
ATTACKED
US DAILY.

ABOUT FIFTY
YEARS AGO,
OUR VILLAGE
SUFFERED
THROUGH A
DARK TIME.



SHE
RETURNED
LIGHT
TO OUR
SUFFERING
VILLAGE.

SHE HAD
MYSTERIOUS
CHARM AND
UNSPEAKABLE
BEAUTY.



ONE DAY, A
TRAVELING
DANCER
VISITED.



BUT
THE
GIRL...

...SHE
DANCED
ON.



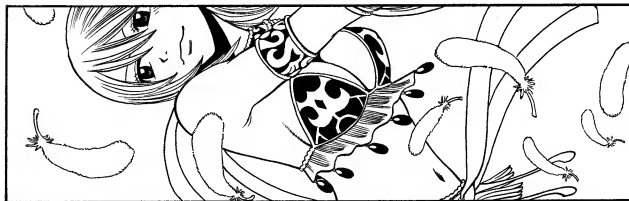
BUT,
WHILE SHE
DANCED,
THE SNAKE
RETURNED!

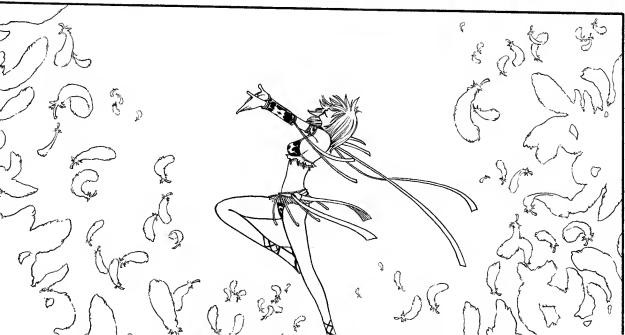
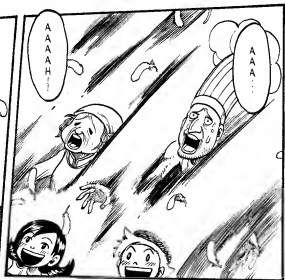
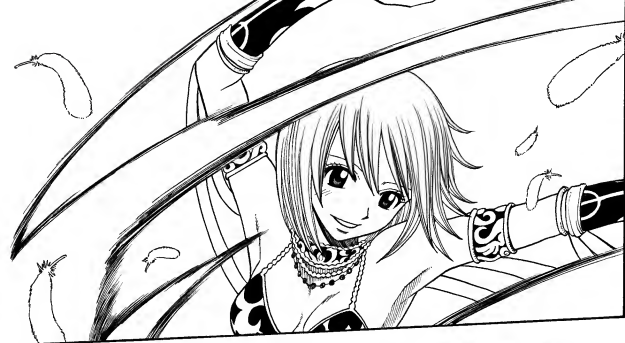
THE
VIL-
LAGERS--
THEY ALL
FLED IN
FEAR.

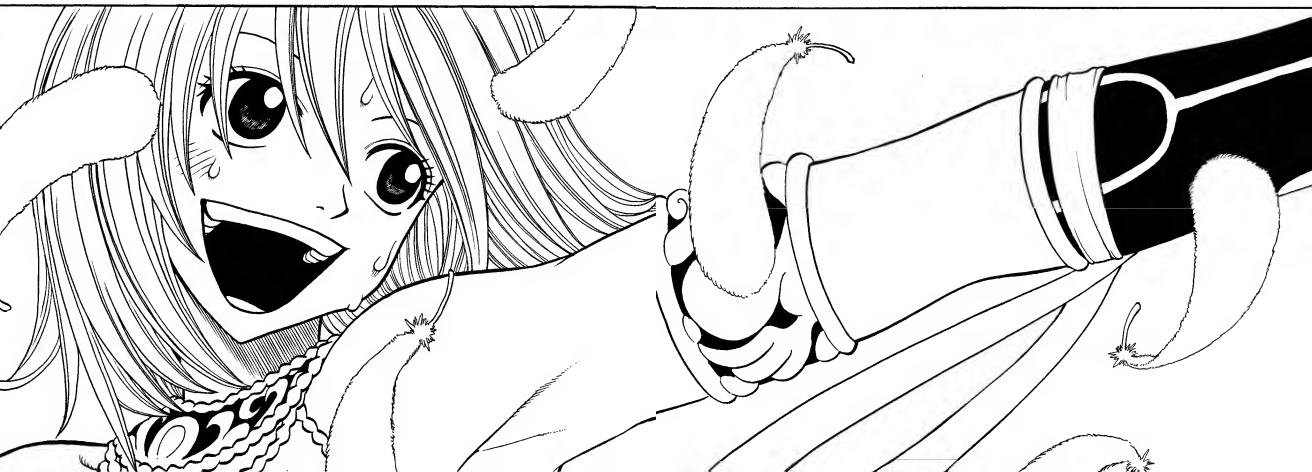
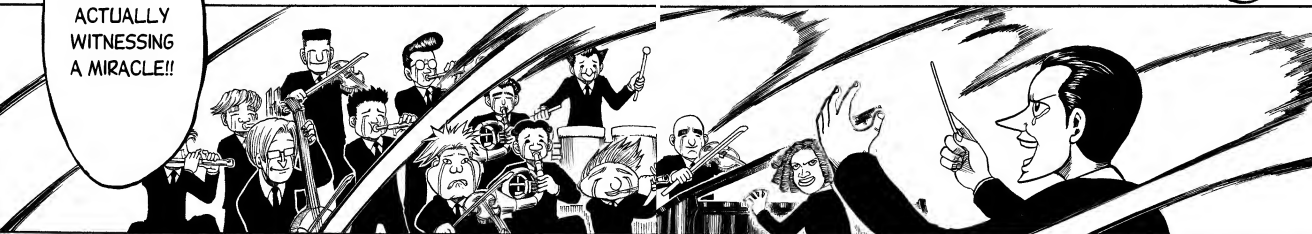
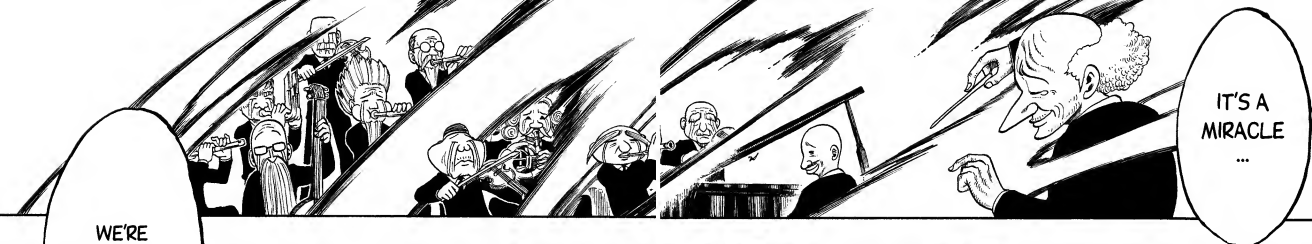


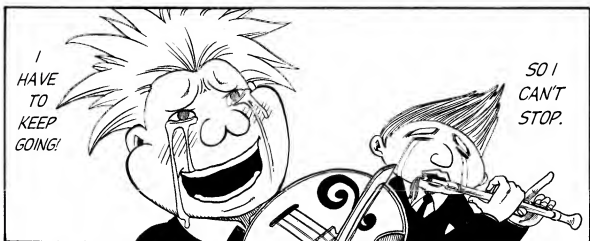
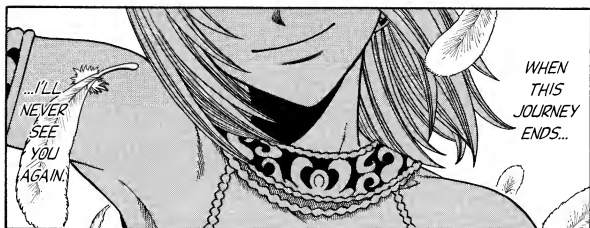
THE
DANCING
PRINCESS,
RESHA
VALENTINE!!

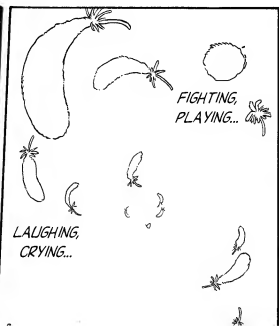
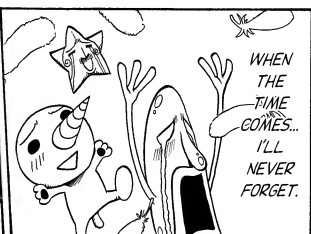
SHE
ACTUALLY
CHARMED
THAT
MONSTEROUS
SNAKE!









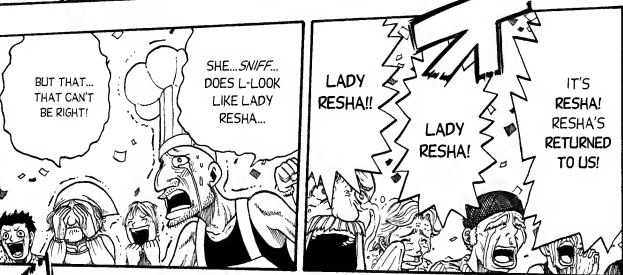
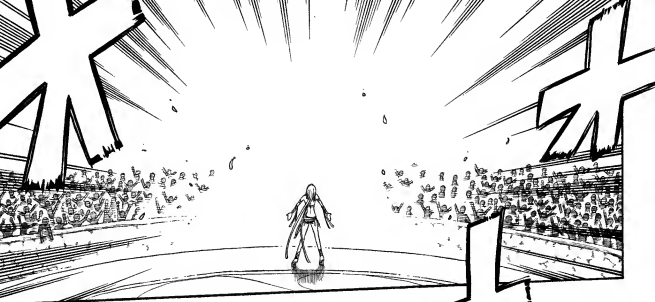


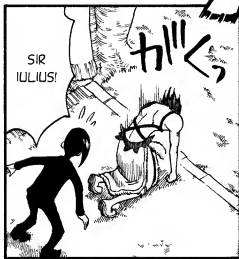
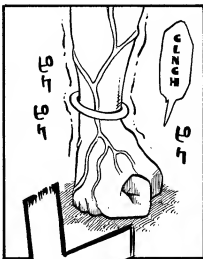
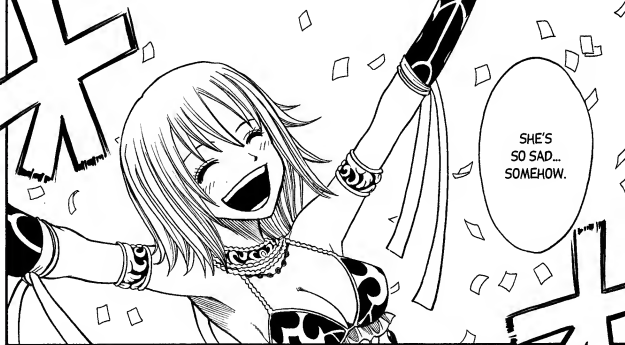
**...WILL
YOU
PROMISE
TO
REMEMBER
ME?**

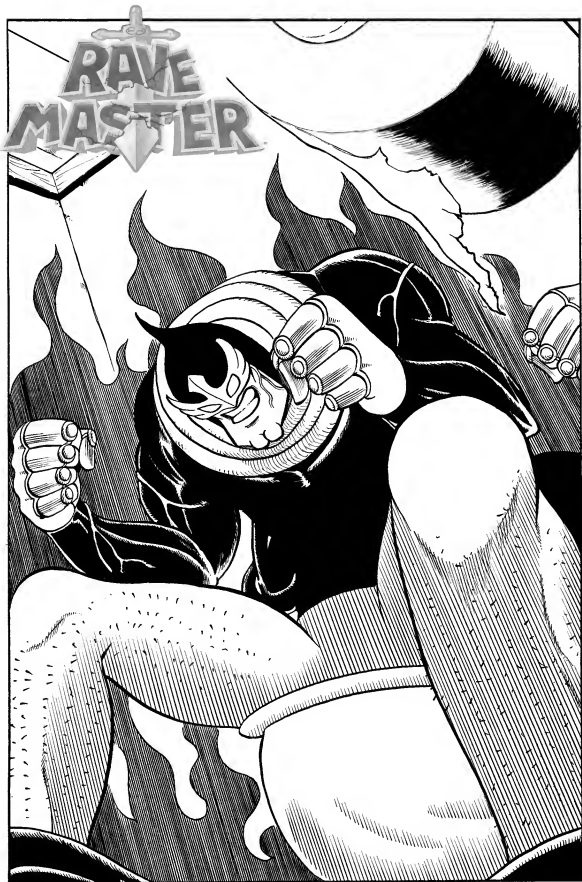




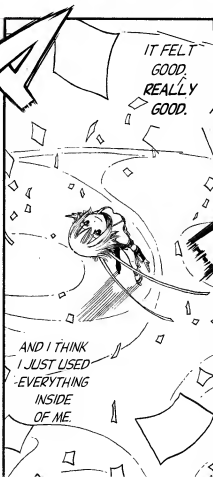
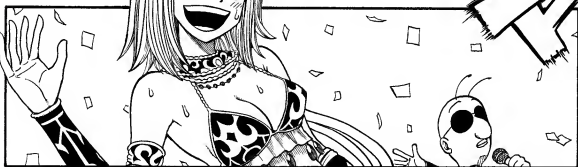
HOW
BEAU-
TIFUL!!!





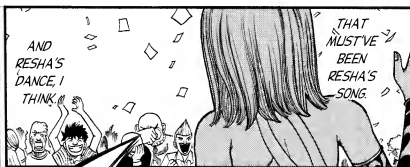


RAVE:185 ⊕ **IULIUS DECIDED THIS?!**



IT FELT
GOOD,
REALLY
GOOD.

AND I THINK
I JUST USED
EVERYTHING
INSIDE
OF ME.



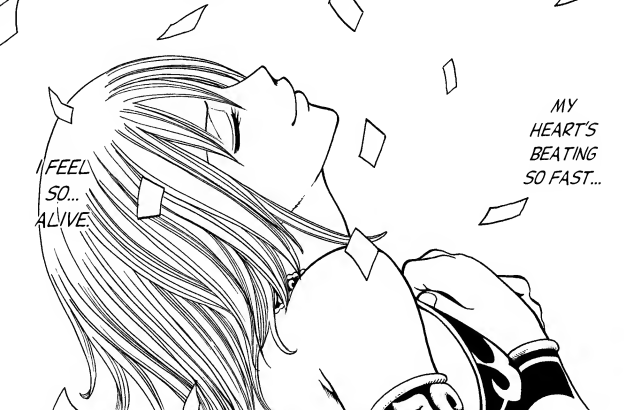
AND
RESHA'S
DANCE, I
THINK.

THAT
MUST'VE
BEEN
RESHA'S
SONG.



HOW COME
MY BODY
JUST
MOVED ON
ITS OWN?

IT WAS
WEIRD, BUT
SOMEHOW...
COMPLETELY
NATURAL.



I FEEL
SO...
ALIVE.

MY
HEART'S
BEATING
SO FAST...



BUT I'M
REALLY ELIE-
SO PLEASE
REMEMBER
ME, 'KAY?

THANKS
SO MUCH,
EVERYBODY!

PEOPLE
TELL ME I
LOOK LIKE
RESHA...



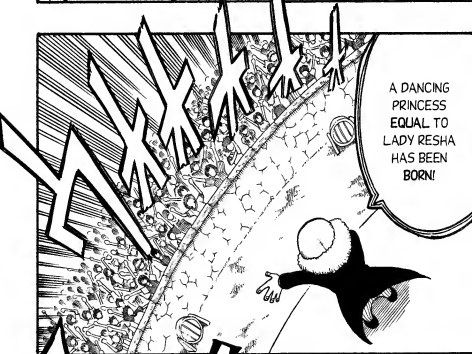
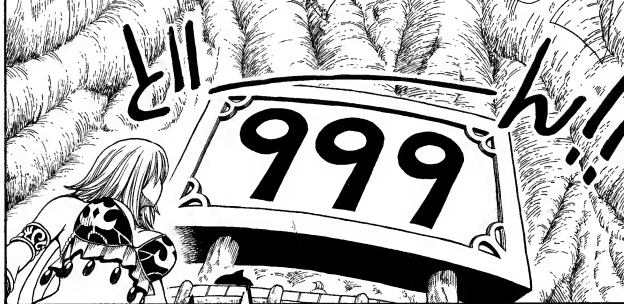
BUT SHE
BROKE THE
RULES BY
DANCING
SOLO,
DARN IT!

WELL,
UH...YOUR
SCORE,
JUDGES?



SHE DID A
FANTASTIC
JOB.

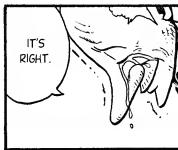
HLNH.
FORGET
WHAT I
SAID. ELIE
LOOKS REAL
HAPPY.



A DANCING
PRINCESS
EQUAL TO
LADY RESHA
HAS BEEN
BORN!



THAT
CAN'T
BE
RIGHT!



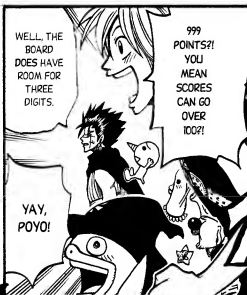
IT'S
RIGHT.



IF THE ELDER
SAY'S IT'S
RIGHT, THEN
IT'S OH, SO,
VERY RIGHT!
999 POINTS!

999!
YAA!

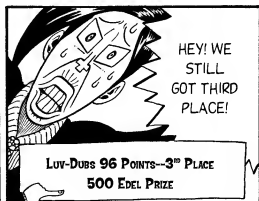
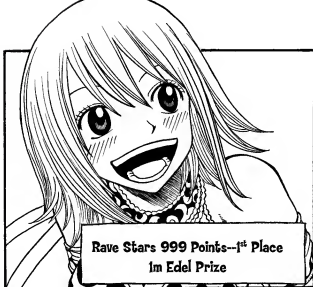
COOL,
ELDER!

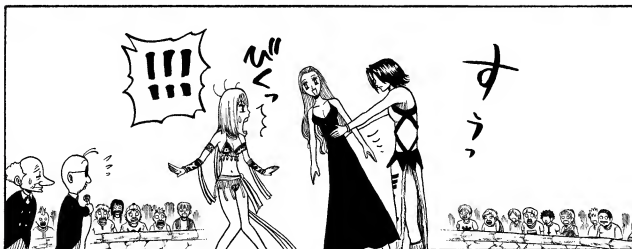


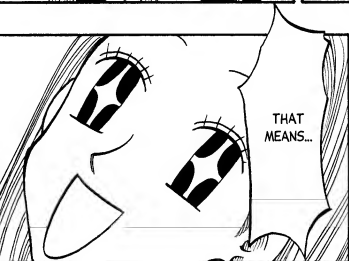
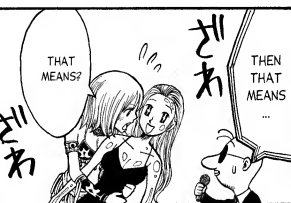
WELL, THE
BOARD
DOES HAVE
ROOM FOR
THREE
DIGITS.

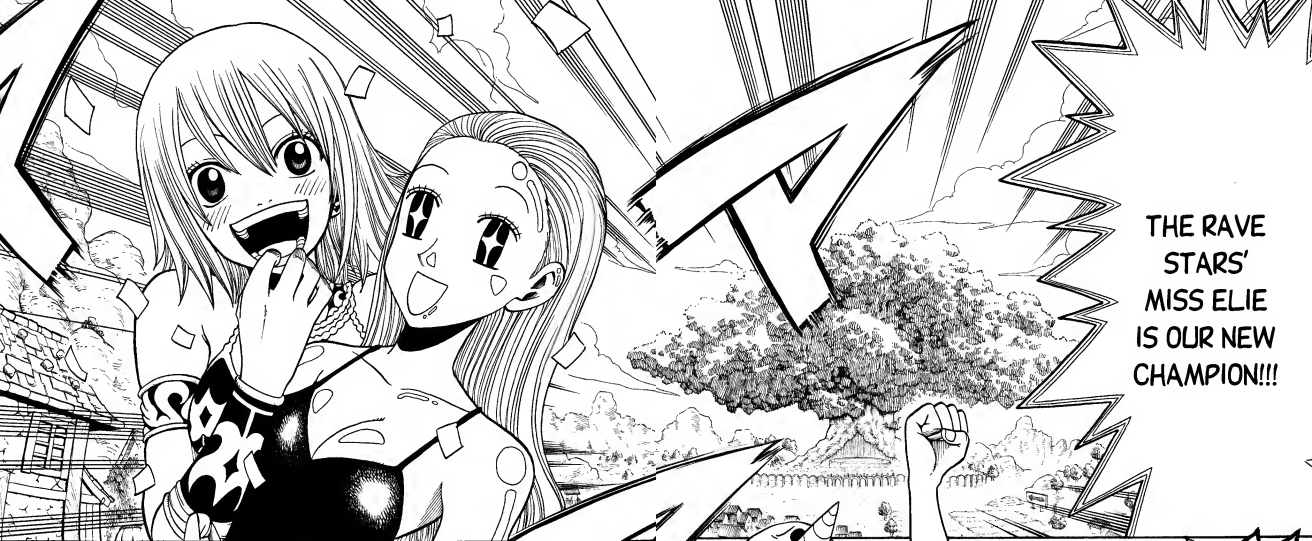
YAY,
POYO!

999
POINTS?!
YOU
MEAN
SCORES
CAN GO
OVER
100?!









THE RAVE
STARS'
MISS ELIE
IS OUR NEW
CHAMPION!!!



SIR IULIUS
HAS WAY
TOO MUCH
PRIDE TO
WITHDRAW!



THIS
CAN'T BE
HAPPENING!!



CONGRAT-
ULATIONS..

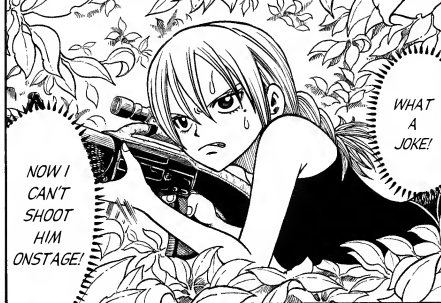


Puun!!

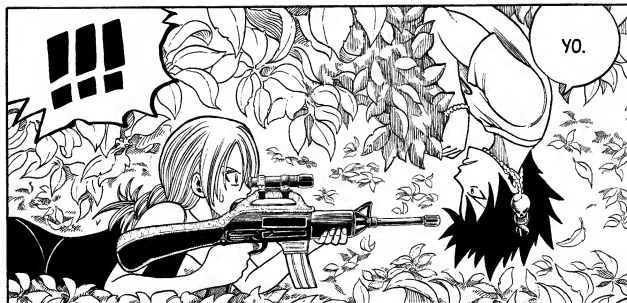
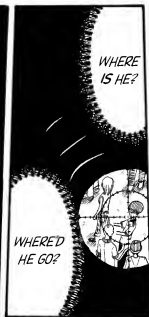
WE'RE
NOT
FORCED
TO QUIT
YET!

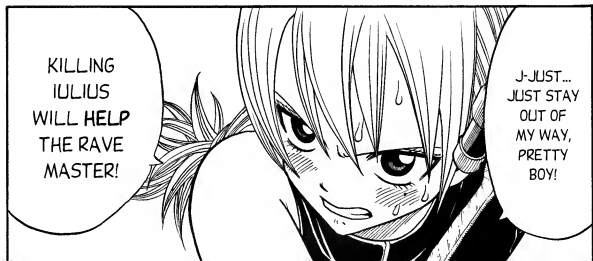
WHAT THE
HECK'S THAT
DOLL FOR?

Y
E
E
S
!!



WHAT
A
JOKE!







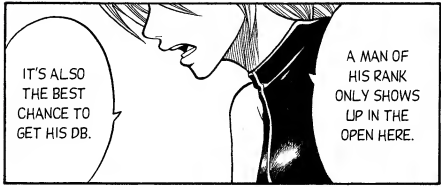
YOU'RE
PRETTY
PICKY ABOUT
KILLING GUYS
YOURSELF.

HOW
VERY
NOBLE.



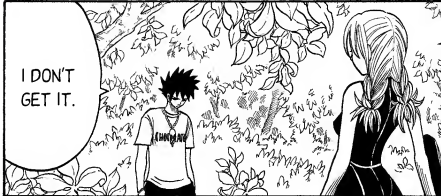
IT'S THE
RAVE
MASTER
WAY.

NAH. WE
FIGHT, BUT
WE DON'T
KILL.

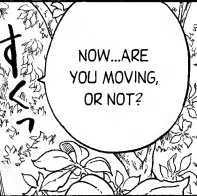


IT'S ALSO
THE BEST
CHANCE TO
GET HIS DB.

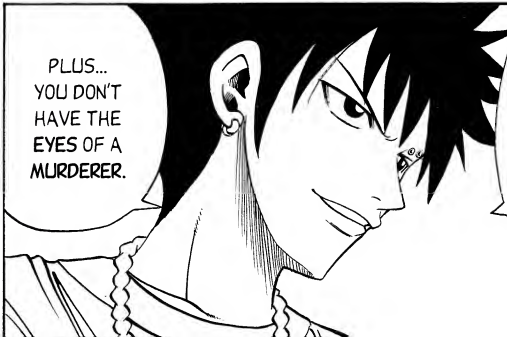
A MAN OF
HIS RANK
ONLY SHOWS
UP IN THE
OPEN HERE.



I DON'T
GET IT.



すく
ン
NOW...ARE
YOU MOVING,
OR NOT?



PLUS...
YOU DON'T
HAVE THE
EYES OF A
MURDERER.

I THINK
YOUR
PLAN HAS
MORE
HOLES
THAN
SWISS
CHEESE.



THEN
DO IT. I
MEAN,
WHY
WARN
ME?



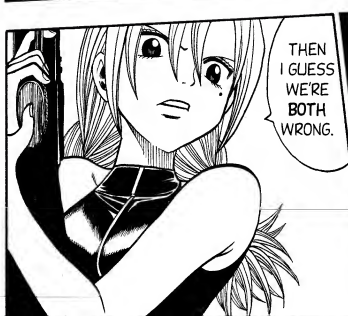
I CAN
ALWAYS
JUST
MOW
THROUGH
YOU.

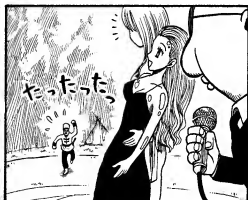


NICE
GIRLS
DON'T
SHOOT
PEOPLE.



I GUESS
I'M
JUST
NICE
LIKE
THAT.







わあああ

WHAT?!
EVERYONE!!
GET UNDER
SOMETHING!!

MOMMY!

AND
TODAY
WAS SO
NICE!

THEY'RE
HERE!

RUN
FOR
YOUR
LIVES!



TH-THIS
IS TOO
FAST!

THEY'RE
OVERDOING
IT A
SMIDGE!



あ

MAYBE
IULIUS
SNAPPED.

DEMON
CARD?
NOW?!

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100! I THINK WE
SHOULD--
WAIT. WHO'RE
YOU?!

HOW
MANY ARE
THERE?!

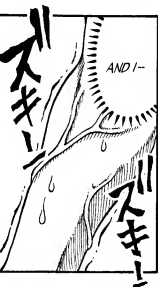


100...

AND
THEY'RE
WEARING
ELITE
GEAR!



LET'S
GET OUR
BUTTS
NORTH,
GUYS!





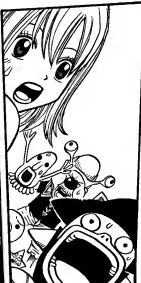
THEY'RE
ALREADY
INSIDE,
POYO!!

HARU--
LOOK
OUT!!



THERE'S NO
TIME TO
THINK, HARU!
JUST DO IT!





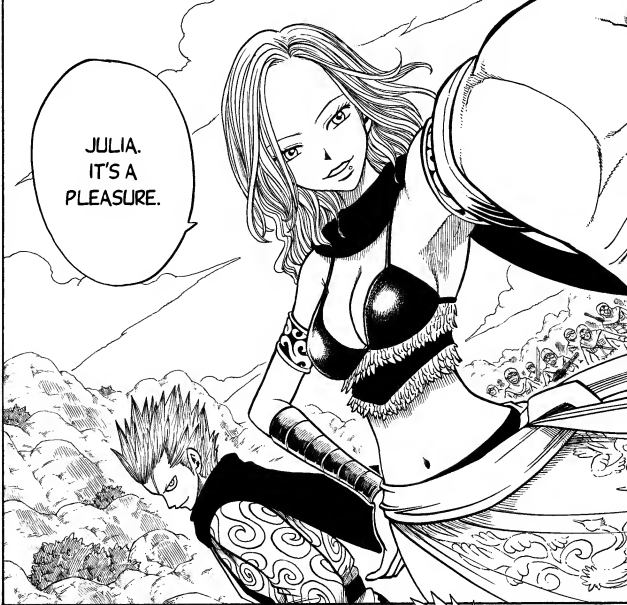


RAVE MASTER

RAVE MASTER







JULIA.
IT'S A
PLEASURE.



FRIENDS
OF
YOURS?

TH- THEY
WERE THE
DRAGON
DANCERS,
POYO!

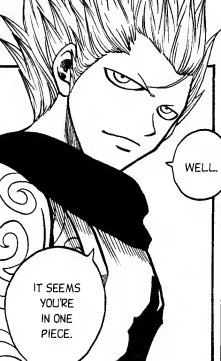
I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT!!



WE NEED
BETTER
SOLDIERS!

WE'RE
SCREWED!
RETREAT!

HEY! THAT'S
THE GUY
WHO BEAT
GENERAL
JEGAN!



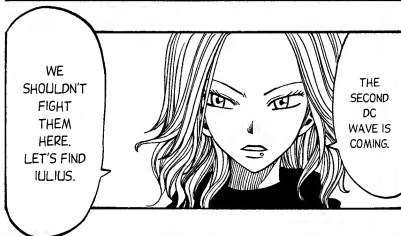


I'M EVERMARY--
AND THIS IS SHUDA.
NICE TO MEETCHA.

ANYWAY,
THANKS
FOR
SAVING US!

WEL-
COME
HOME!

LET'S GO
BACK!
POYO!



WE
SHOULDN'T
FIGHT
THEM
HERE.
LET'S FIND
ILIUS.

THE
SECOND
DC
WAVE IS
COMING.



THOSE
SOLDIERS
WERE NO
MATCH FOR
HARU.

SAVING
THEM?



THE NOSE
KNOWS.



I WANNA
CHANGE
AND GET MY
TONFAS.

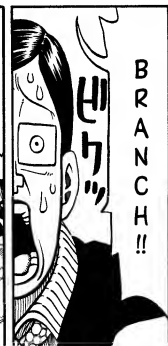
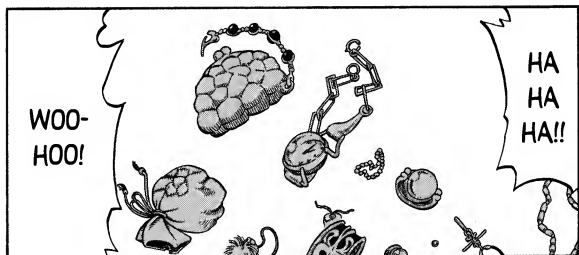
ALL RIGHT.
WE'LL SEND
THE BOYS
FIRST, AND
FOLLOW UP
AFTER.

?



YEAH--MAYBE
SCHOOLING ILIUS
WILL GET HIM
TO STOP THIS.

HE
SHOULD
STILL BE
HERE.





WHERE'S
IULIUS?!

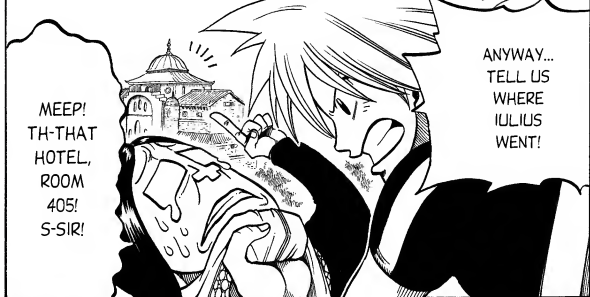


HELLO.

UH...WHEN THE
HELL DID YOU
GET LET BACK?!

WHERE
THE HECK
WERE
YOU?!

MUSICA!!



MEEP!
TH-THAT
HOTEL,
ROOM
405!
S-SIR!

ANYWAY...
TELL US
WHERE
IULIUS
WENT!



HEH HEH
HEH...THERE'S
NO WAY
YOU BRATS
COULD BEAT
A MEMBER
OF THE
ORACION SIX!



LET'S
GO!!



HOW DID
I NOT
RECOGNIZE
YOU?!

DON'T ROB
DISASTER
ZONES.

Y-YES
SIR...!



Ex-Oracion
Six Member

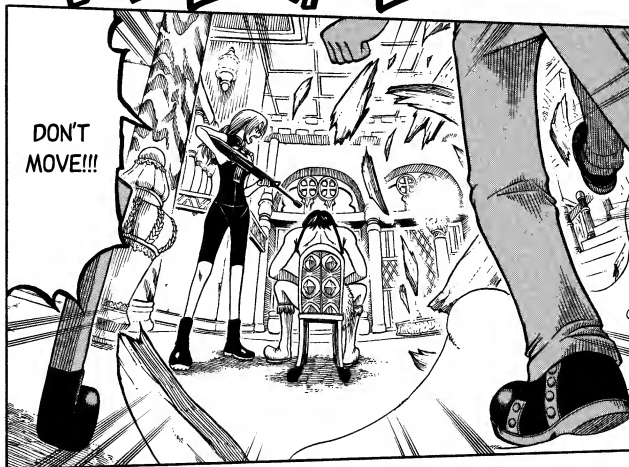


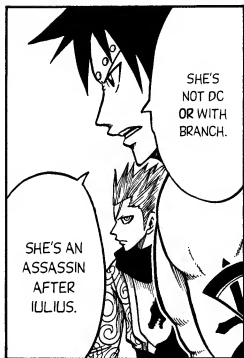
AND
WHO ARE--



ORACION
SIX,
Y'SAY?

HUH?!

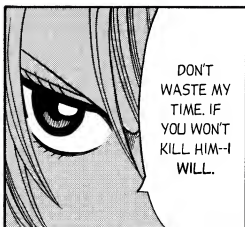






YOU
THINK?
GUN
AT HIS
HEAD?
DUH!

NO...STEP
BACK.
SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT
WITH HIM.



DON'T
WASTE MY
TIME. IF
YOU WON'T
KILL HIM--I
WILL.



HE'S
AFTER
SOMETHING.

AND HIS
ARMURE
D'ETOILE
COULD
FREEZE US
IN AN
INSTANT.

IULIUS
ISN'T A
COWARD.



LIKE
THAT'S
GONNA
STOP
DEMON
CARD?!



THOSE
SCUMBAGS
WON'T
LEAVE
UNTIL THEY
SEE HIS
HEAD!

PLEASE.
GROW UP.



WE NEED
HIM TO
STOP THE
ATTACK.

LOOK
...

WE FIGHT
WHEN WE
GOTTA...
BUT NONE
OF US ARE
MURDERERS.

YOU WON'T GET
FAR IN THIS
WORLD WITH
MARSH-
MALLOWS
FOR GONADS!



ARE YOU
TAKING
HIS SIDE,
LITTLE
BOY?

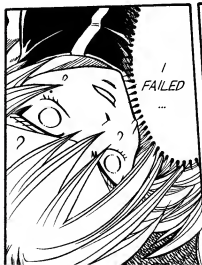




JUST
KILLING
PEOPLE
WON'T
SOLVE
ANYTHING!!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
THAT'S
GOTTA
GET REAL,
LADY!!

YOU CAN'T
TREAT
LIFE--
ANYBODY'S
LIFE--AS
IF IT WERE
GUM STUCK
TO YOUR
SHOE!!



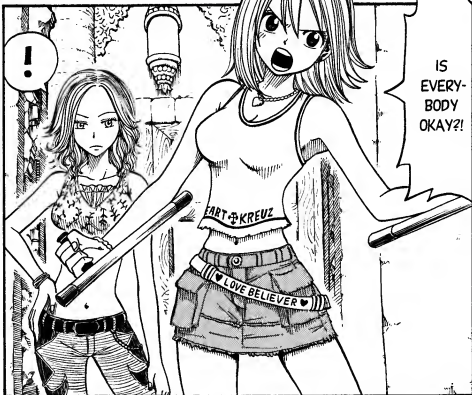
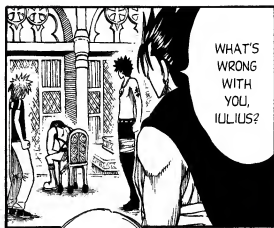
I
FAILED
...

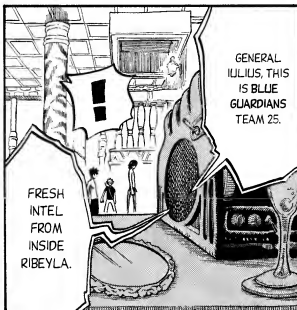
WE'LL
JUST
PULL A
PUNCH
OR TWO.

...



RELAX.
WE
GOT
HIM.







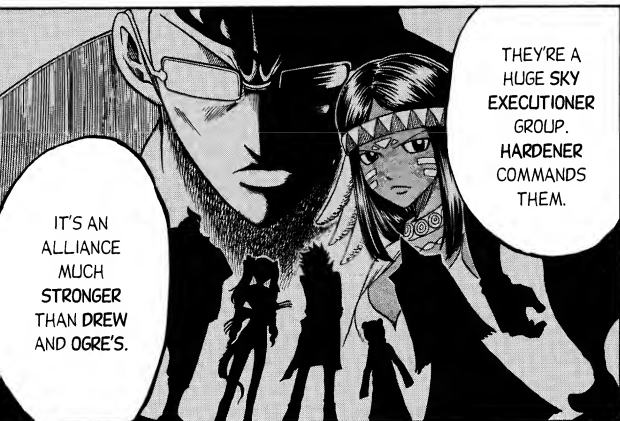
THIS IS
WORSE
THAN I
THOUGHT.

I'D
RATHER
IT
WERE.



NOT
HIS
DOING,
POYO.

IF THE
CALL'S AN
INDICATION,
THIS IS OVER
ILLIUS.



IT'S AN
ALLIANCE
MUCH
STRONGER
THAN DREW
AND OGRE'S.

THEY'RE A
HUGE SKY
EXECUTIONER
GROUP.
HARDENER
COMMANDS
THEM.



WAIT...

RIGHT!

WE HAVE
TO FIGHT!
WE HAVE NO
CHOICE!

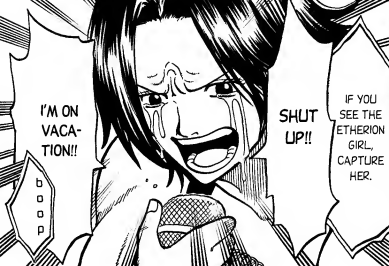


That's
terrible



HOW COULD
THEY
SUSPECT
ME WITH
NO BASIS?!
THOSE
MONSTERS!!!

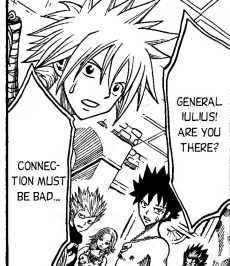
THEY
TAINTED
THE DANCE
CONTEST
THAT I HOLD
SO DEAR!!!



I'M ON
VACA-
TION!!

SHUT
UP!!

IF YOU
SEE THE
ETHERION
GIRL,
CAPTURE
HER.



GENERAL
IULIUS!
ARE YOU
THERE?

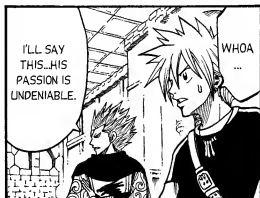
CONNEC-
TION MUST
BE BAD...



I KNEW I
COULDN'T
BEAT YOU!
PLUS, I
GAVE YOU
FRANCOISE,
DIDN'T I?

UM...
TH-
THANKS?

PLEASE
DON'T HATE
ME! YOUR
DANCE...IT
WAS THE
EPITOME OF
BEAUTY!



I'LL SAY
THIS...HIS
PASSION IS
UNDENIABLE.

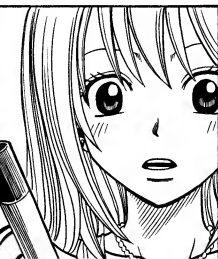
WHOA
...



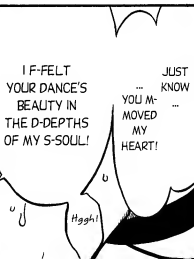
EXCUSE US...
BUT YOU
SHOULDN'T
DIE FOR
SOMETHING
SO DUMB!

YOU
SHOULD
HAVE LET
THAT
ASSASSIN
K-KILL
ME...

I'VE
LOST... MY
BEAUTY'S
SHATTERED...

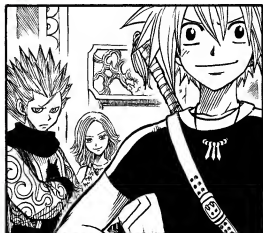


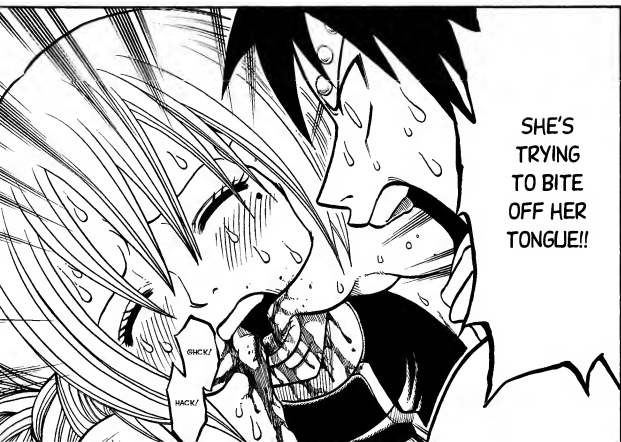
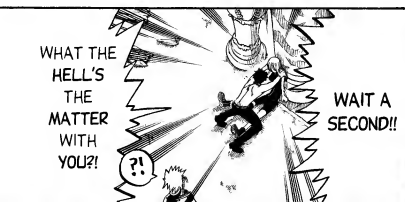
I FELT
THAT...
IT COULD
EVEN CH-
CHANGE
ME...!



I F-FELT
YOUR DANCE'S
BEAUTY IN
THE D-DEPTHS
OF MY S-SOUL!

JUST
KNOW
...
YOU M-
MOVED
MY
HEART!







DAMN
THEM FOR
SENDING
A YOUNG
GIRL AS AN
ASSASSIN...

DAMN
THOSE
RESISTANCE
BASTARDS!

...AND THEN
MAKING
HER KILL
HERSELF IF
SHE FAILS!



W
H
A
T
?!



THERE'S
NO
SHELTER
FOR A
TRAITOR!

THE BLUE
GUARDIANS
ARE
INVADING!

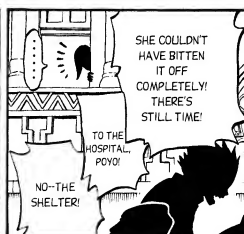
BUT SHE
MADE ME
BETRAY
SIR
JULIUS!

AN
ASSASSIN?

SHE...
SHE
TRICKED
ME!

STUPID
WENCH!

クククク...



SHE COULDN'T
HAVE BITTEN
IT OFF
COMPLETELY!
THERE'S
STILL TIME!

TO THE
HOSPITAL,
POYO!

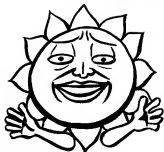
NO--THE
SHELTER!



I DON'T
CARE
WHAT IT
TAKES--I
WILL
SURVIVE!!

B-BUT
THEY'RE
NOT GONNA
K-KILL
ME...! OH,
NO!

RAVE MASTER™



REMEMBER NAKAJIMA,
KIDS? LET'S MAKE
A SONG TODAY.

(I'M BORED.)

NAKAJIMA'S SONG

Lyrics

Composer

I'm always

~la la la ~

I love being at

~la la la ~

cry.

always makes

* Aaa...

you know. Nakajima!

I'm already

~lu lu lu~

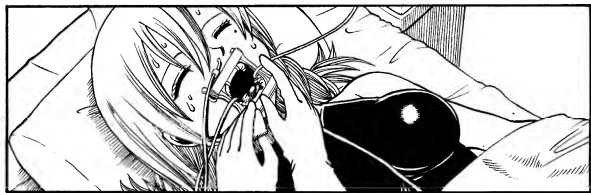
I dream of

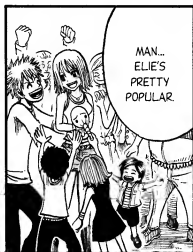
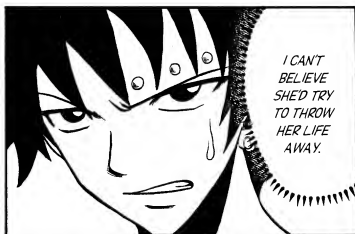
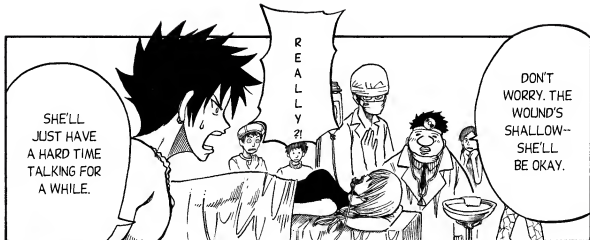
~lu lu lu~

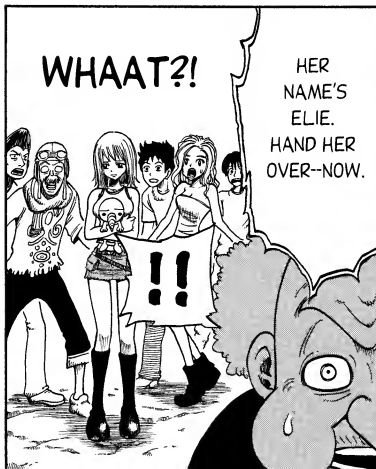
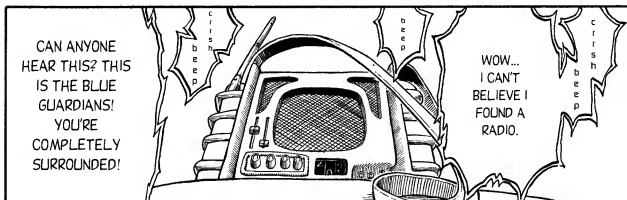
just chops me up...

makes me luv-luv!

FINISH IT OR YOUR TEACHER WILL BE ANGRY!







REQUEST
DENIED--
OVER!

ARE THEY
OUT OF
THEIR
MINDS?!
AN ENTIRE
UNIT FOR
ONE GIRL?!

I HEARD
IT'S ABOUT
ETHER...
SOMETHING.

BUT
WHY?!

THEY'RE
AFTER
ELIE?!

THEY
MUST
BE TO
MAKE THE
ENTIRE
CAVE
SHAKE
LIKE THIS!!

THEY'RE
HERE
ALREADY?!

IT'S
TIME
TO
FIGHT!

THEY'VE
ALREADY
FOUND
US?!

!!!

THEY'RE
HERE...!
TIME TO
START THE
MISSION!

NOBODY
PANIC!
WE'RE
SAFE IN
HERE!

HE'D
NEVER
AGREE
TO IT.

HATE TO
SAY IT...BUT
WE COULD
ACTUALLY
USE IULIUS
RIGHT NOW!



WHAT?
WELL,
THAT
SUCKS.

MUSICA AND
SHUDA'RE
WOUNDED...
SO YOU
GUYS
GUARD
THE FORT!

INSIDE
IS NICE.



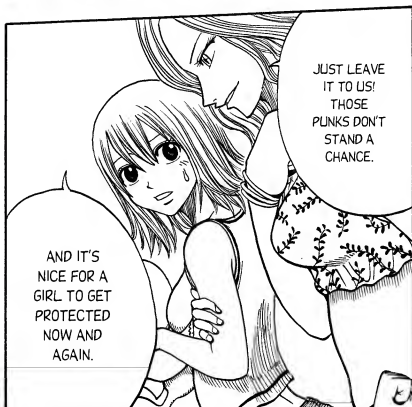
LET, JULIA,
RUBY--YOU'RE
WITH ME ON
OFFENSE!

GOT
IT!

ME,
POYO?!



WE'LL SPLIT
INTO TWO TEAMS!
OFFENSE--OUTSIDE!
DEFENSE--STAY
WHERE YOU ARE!



JUST LEAVE
IT TO US!
THOSE
PUNKS DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE.

AND IT'S
NICE FOR A
GIRL TO GET
PROTECTED
NOW AND
AGAIN.



BUT--

NO
BUTS!
THEY CAN'T
GET
YOU
HERE.

ELIE,
YOU
STAY,
TOO.
YOU'RE
THEIR
TARGET.



ACK!

CHEER
UP,
GIRLIE!

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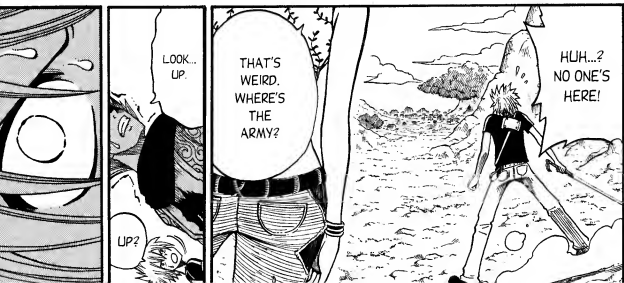
UH,
WHORE
THEY?

OF
COURSE
WE'LL
DEFEND
HER!

SHE'S
OUR
DANCING
PRINCESS!

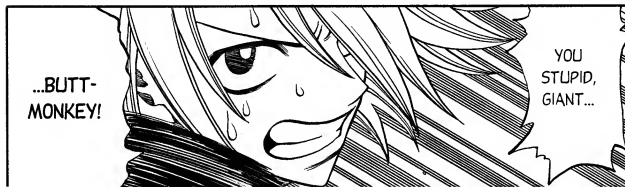
YOU
BET!

EVERYONE
ELSE--
YOU TAKE
CARE OF
ELIE!!!





AW,
SNAP!!!





LET'S
CRACK
THIS
LOBSTER
OPEN!!



W-
we're
dead,
poyo!



O
W
!!



OUR
ATTACKS
HAVE NO
EFFECT!



HELLO?!
YOU
REALLY
THINK HE
CARES?!

KNOCK IT
OFF, YOU
FREAK!
YOU'LL
WRECK
THE
SHELTER!



IT'LL
HOLD,
IT'LL
HOLD!

CAVE-
IN!

AAAHH!!

DUH! YOU
THINK,
CAPTAIN
OBVIOUS?!

STOP THE
ROCKS,
MUSICA!

MONSTER?!

OR WOULD
YOU RATHER
FACE OUR
MONSTER
DIMANCHE?!

HAH!
GIVE UP
YET?!

THIS IS
YOUR
LAST
CHANCE...

YOU'RE
OUT OF
TIME,
FOLKS.

JUST
GIVE UP ELIE
AND WE'LL
STOP.

IT'S
GETTING
TIGHT IN
HERE!

DIMANCHE
CAN TAKE
OUT YOUR
PATHETIC
VILLAGE
IN A DAY.

HERE, TOO!
WE'VE
GOT MORE
WOUNDED!



MAMA,
I'M
SCARED!



THE
BEDROCK
CAN'T
TAKE IT
ANYMORE!!

A
A
A
H
!!

IT'S
BREAKING
APART!!



IT'S EITHER
SACRIFICE
ONE GIRL--
OR WE'RE
ALL DEAD!

HUH?!
DON'T
YOU
EVEN!

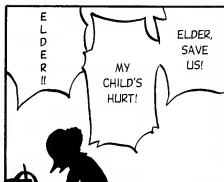
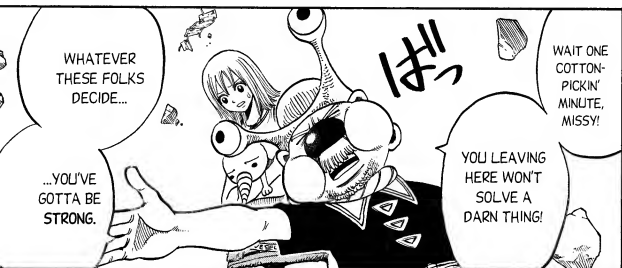
WE'VE
GOTTA
HAND THE
GIRL OVER!

THIS
PLACE IS
ALMOST
TRASHED!

OKU
GENKI?



ELDER,
PLEASE!



AND EVEN
IF THERE
WAS...

THERE'S
NO
SUCH
GIRL
HERE!!!

crsh



IF HE CAN
DO THAT--
THEN CAN'T
WE PROTECT
THE DANCING
PRINCESS WE
LOVE SO VERY
DEARLY?!



...THAT HARU
BOY SAID HE'D
PROTECT OUR
VILLAGE!!!

AND HE'S
NOT EVEN
FROM
HERE!!!



WITHOUT
THE
PRINCESS,
THERE
IS NO
VILLAGE!!!

IF WE
DESTROY
THE
SYMBOL
OF OUR
HOPE, THEN
WE'VE
TRULY
LOST!!!



OF COURSE
WE'RE
OUTMATCHED!

HAVE
YOU ALL
FORGOTTEN
THAT THE
PRINCESS
SAVED US
FROM THAT
SNAKE?!

BUT WE
CAN'T
FORGET
OUR DEBT
TO LADY
RESHA!

NOW IT'S
OUR TURN
TO SAVE
HER!!

Elder Orchestra...Version 2.0
Elder Knight Brigade



Y
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!!

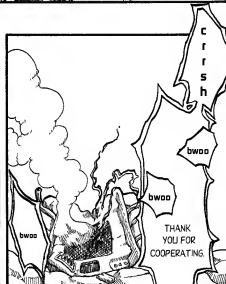
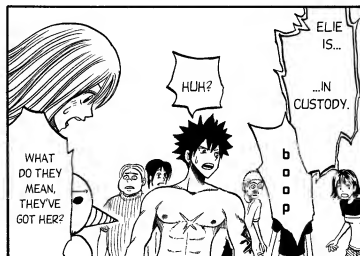
ELIE'S
SAFE
ON OUR
WATCH!

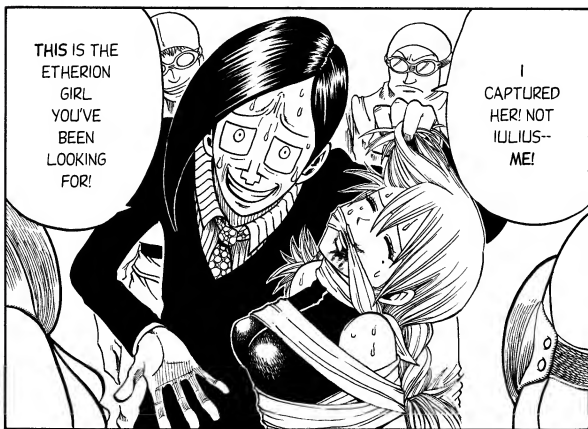
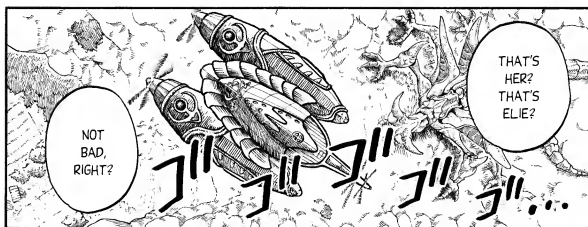
LET'S
PROTECT OUR
VILLAGE'S
DANCING
PRINCESS!

I WAS
SO
HARD
ON
ELIE!

WE
GOTTA
PROTECT
OUR OWN
TURF!

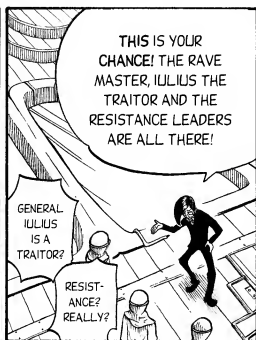
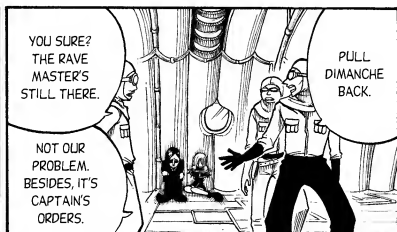
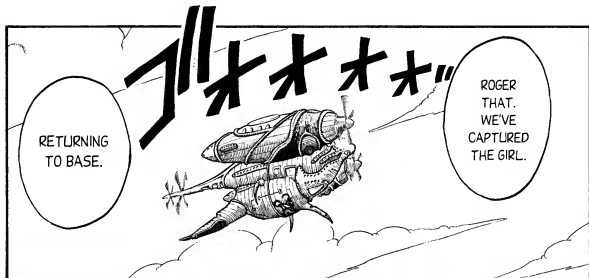
Y-YEAH!
WHAT
HE SAID!





RAVE MASTER





YOU'RE
KIDDING ME!!!



THAT MONSTER
PRESENTS
THE PERFECT
OPPORTUNITY
FOR COVERING
UP EVIDENCE!



WHY'D
HE DO
THAT?!



IT'S REVENGE
FOR TRICKING
HIM, I'D
WAGER.



Is it
dead?

What?

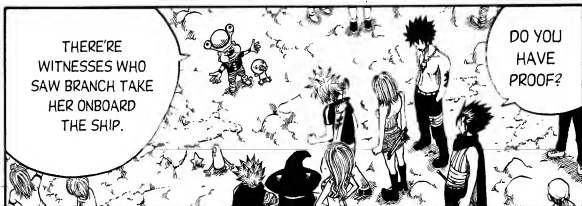
He's
huge!

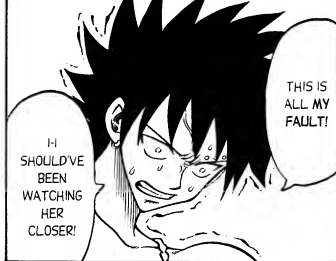
NO, I'M NOT! BG HAS
THAT RESISTANCE
GIRL! THAT CREEP
BRANCH MUST'VE
OFFERED HER
UP AS ELIE!



THERE'RE
WITNESSES WHO
SAW BRANCH TAKE
HER ONBOARD
THE SHIP.

DO YOU
HAVE
PROOF?





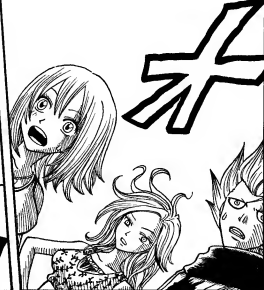


A
QUAKE
?

EH?



THE
MILLEN-
NIUM
TREE!



WE'RE
ALL
GONNA
DIE!

THAT
WASN'T
THE
DEAL!

THE
MONSTER'S
MOVING
AGAIN!

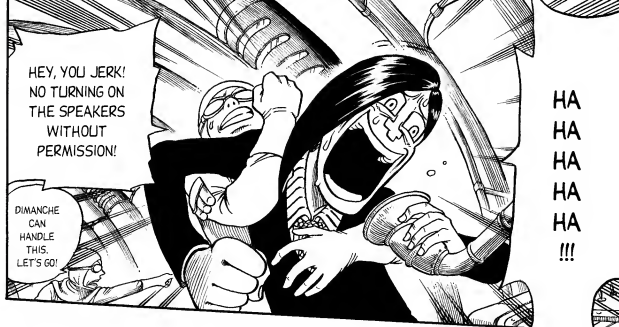


WIPE
THEM
ALL OFF
THE FACE
OF THE
PLANET!!

THAT'S
RIGHT!
DESTROY
IT ALL!!

A
H
H
H
!!

DID IT
JUST...
TALK?



HEY, YOU JERK!
NO TURNING ON
THE SPEAKERS
WITHOUT
PERMISSION!

DIMANCHE
CAN
HANDLE
THIS.
LET'S GO!

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
!!!



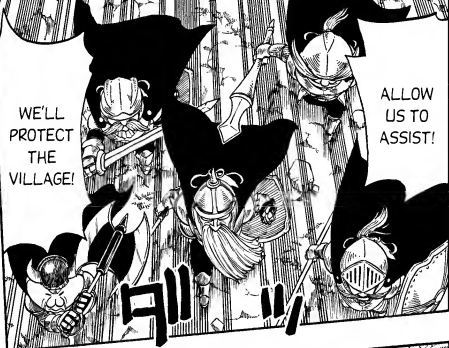
DEFINITELY
SHOULD'VE
KILLED HIM.

BRANCH,
YOU
SNAKE!!



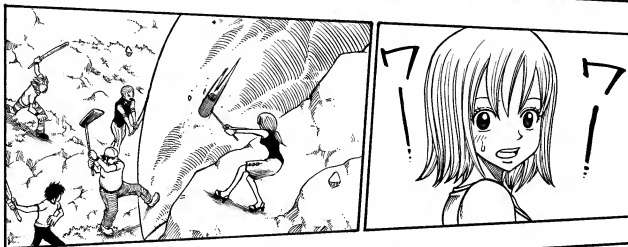
R
I
G
H
T
!!

HARU,
MUSICA!
YOU HAVE
TO FOCUS
IF WE'RE
TO WIN!



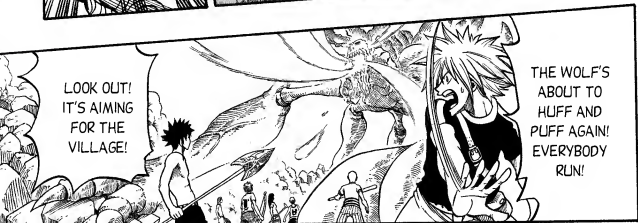
NO
STUPID,
ROTTING
MONSTER
CAN TAKE
RIBEYLA
DOWN!!

WE'LL
HELP
YOU
FIGHT!!



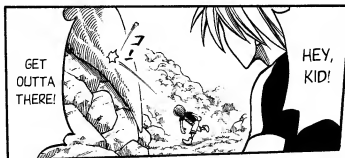


NOT
GOOD--!!



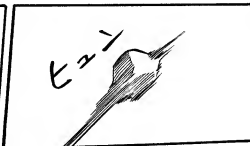
LOOK OUT!
IT'S AIMING
FOR THE
VILLAGE!

THE WOLF'S
ABOUT TO
HUFF AND
PUFF AGAIN!
EVERYBODY
RUN!

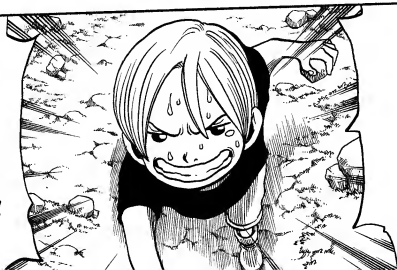


GET
OUTTA
THERE!

HEY,
KID!



I'LL
PROTECT
THE
VILLAGE
AND THE
DANCING
PRINCESS!



I'M NOT
SCARED!
AND I
WON'T
RUN!

THE
VILLAGE
MUST
STAND
AS ONE!!

HE'S RIGHT!!
WE CAN'T
PULL BACK
NOW!!

LOOK, WE GET
THAT YOU'RE
BRAVE--BUT YOU
REALLY NEED
TO RUN, NOW!

YEP. THIS IS
GETTING A
WEE BIT OUT
OF HAND...

WE WON'T
TURN OUR
BACKS ON HER
EVER AGAIN!

WE ALREADY
FLED AND
BETRAYED
MISS ELIE
ONCE BEFORE!

FOR THE
PRINCESS...FOR
THE VILLAGE!!
WE'LL DIE IF
WE HAVE TO!!

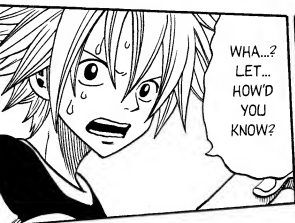
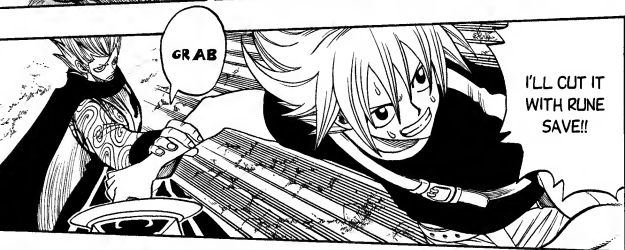
IT'S
NOW OR
NEVER!!



MIGHT I
REMIN
YOU OF THE
RUNNING?

THEY'RE BEING
TOTALLY
UNREASON-
ABLE.

NOW WHAT?
THAT
THING'S
GONNA SUCK
'EM IN!



WHA...?
LET...
HOW'D
YOU
KNOW?

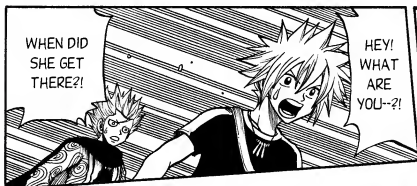


OW!!

WHAT?
WITH
THIS
ARM?

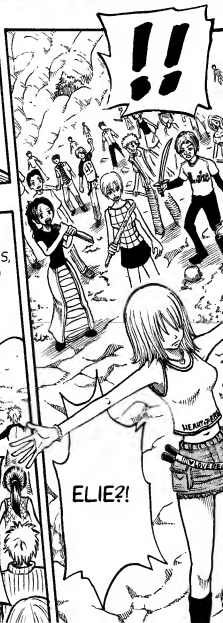


INCOMING!!



WHEN DID
SHE GET
THERE?!

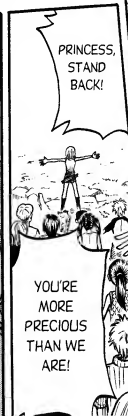
HEY!
WHAT
ARE
YOU--?!



THIS IS A
VILLAGE OF
GOOD MEMORIES...
MEMORIES I'LL
NEVER FORGET...



PRECIOUS?
TO ME...
YOU'RE ALL...
YOU'RE ALL
EXTREMELY
PRECIOUS.



PRINCESS,
STAND
BACK!

YOU'RE
MORE
PRECIOUS
THAN WE
ARE!

ELIE?!



SO I WON'T
LET
ANYBODY
TAKE THIS
ONE AWAY
FROM ME!!!

I NEED
AS MANY
MEMORIES
AS I CAN
GET!!!



ELIE!!!



WHAT
...?!



LOOK
OUT!!!



!!



WHY IS
YUR-
LUNGUR?

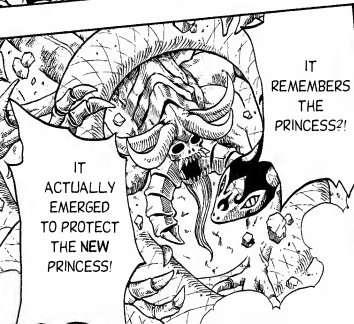


HUH?!



THE SNAKE
HAS BEEN
CHARMED—
JUST LIKE IT
WAS WITH
LADY RESHA!

IT'S PRO-
TECTING
US!



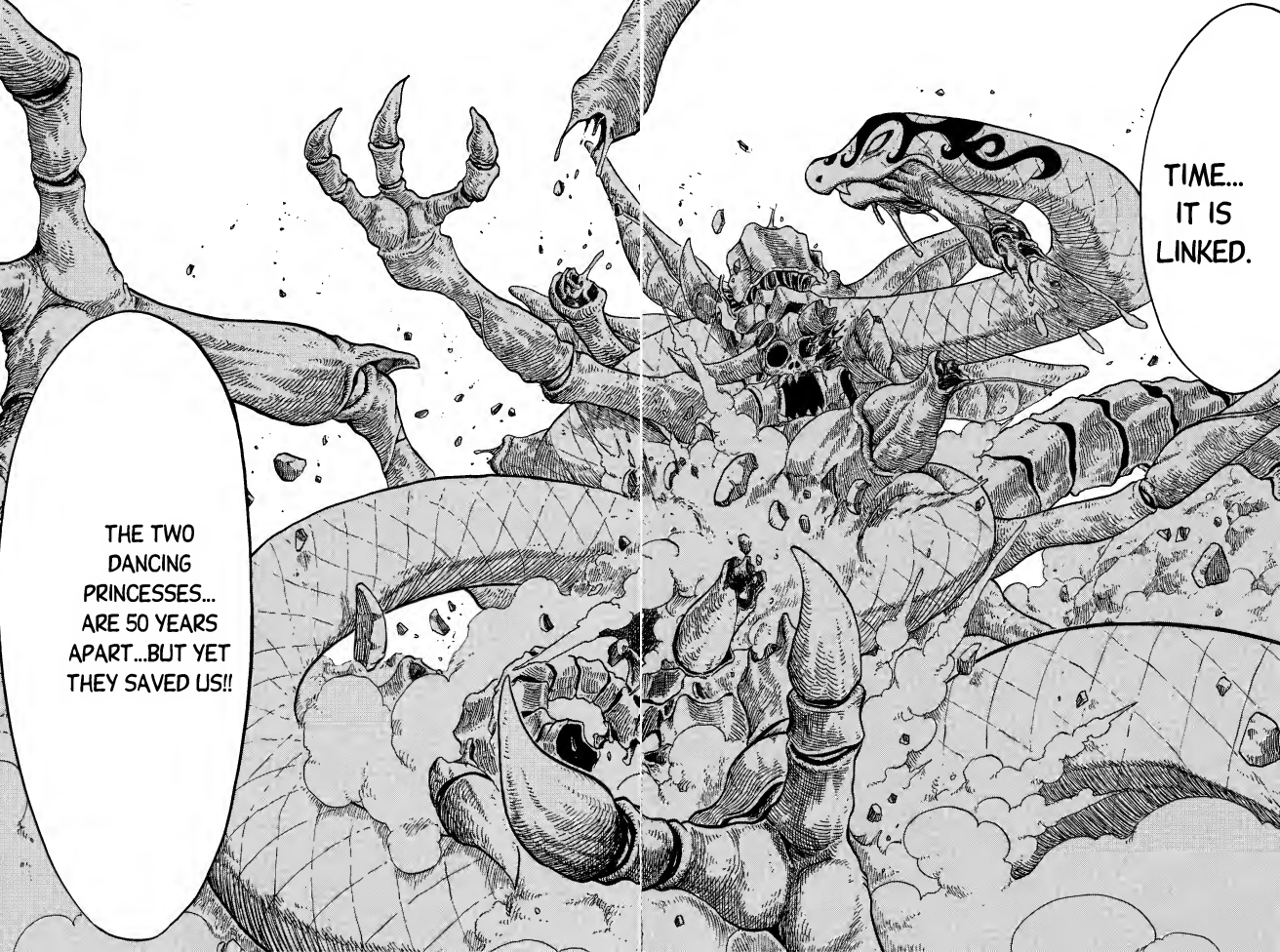
IT
REMEMBERS
THE PRINCESS?!

IT
ACTUALLY
EMERGED
TO PROTECT
THE NEW
PRINCESS!



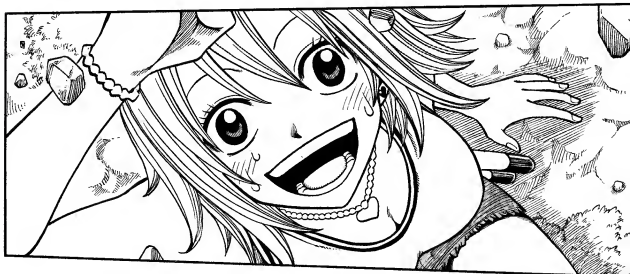
YUR-
LUNGUR
?!

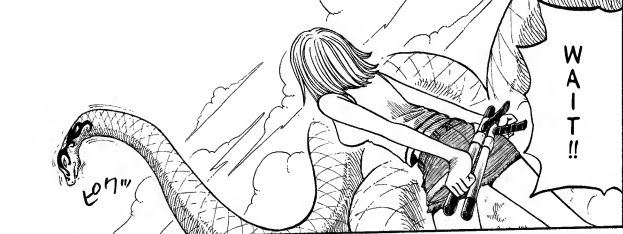
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THE TWO
DANCING
PRINCESSES...
ARE 50 YEARS
APART...BUT YET
THEY SAVED US!!

TIME...
IT IS
LINKED.





AND
WE'RE
RUNNING
OUTTA
TIME.



ELIE'S
RIGHT--
WE'VE
GOTTA SAVE
THAT GIRL
FROM
BRANCH.



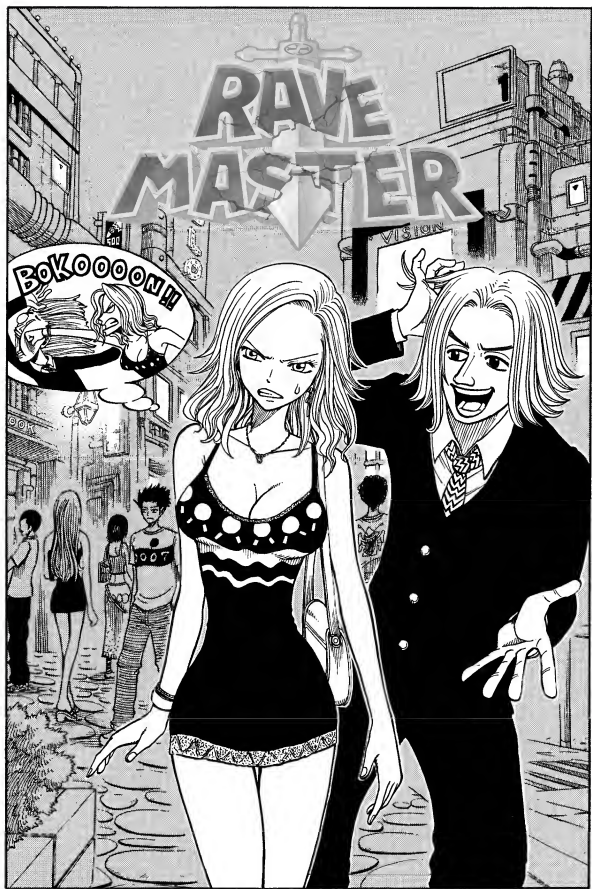
YOU'RE
INSANE.

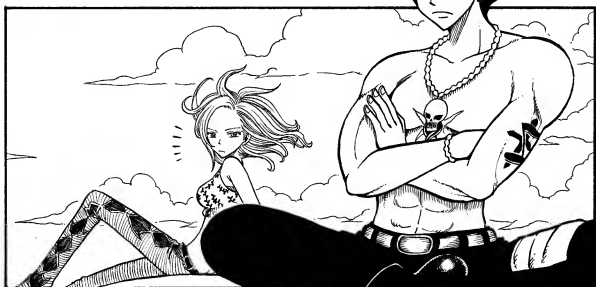
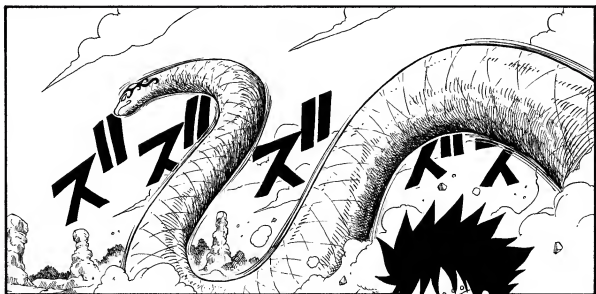
LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
OKAY!



MOUNT
UP,
GUYS!!!

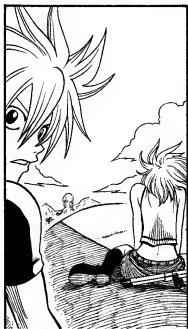
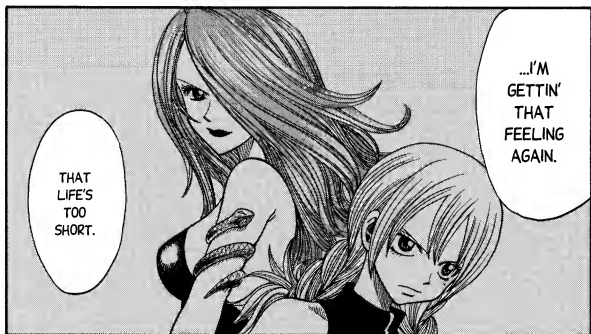
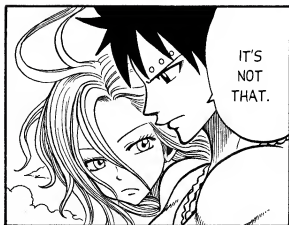
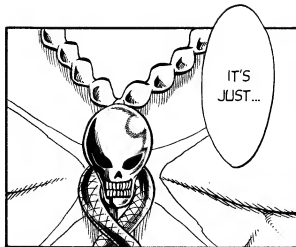
WE'VE GOT
A BLUE
GUARDIANS'
SHIP TO
CATCH!!!

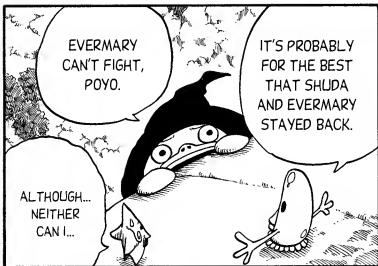
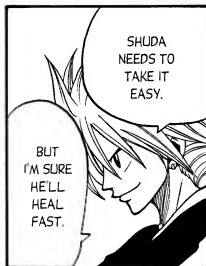
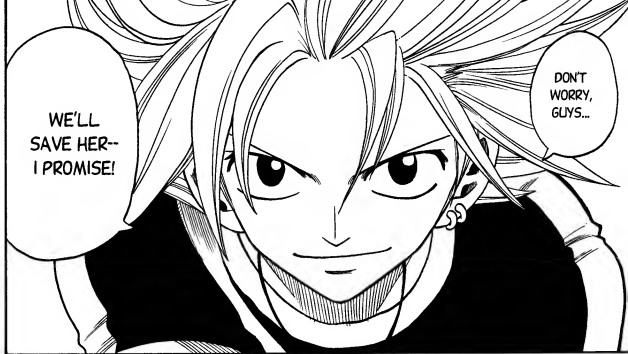


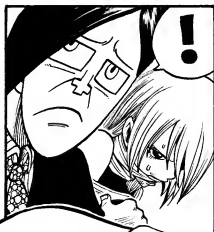


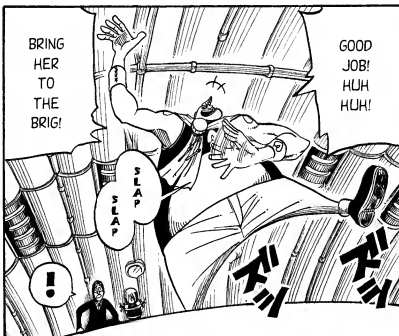
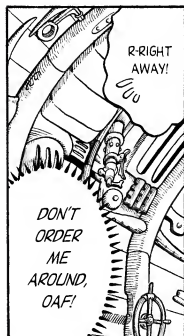
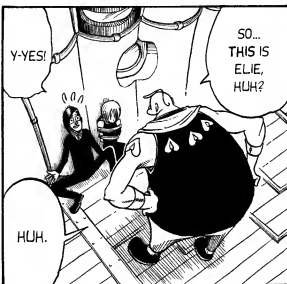
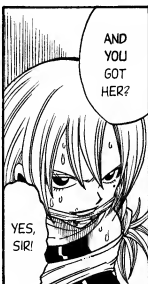
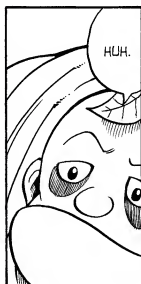
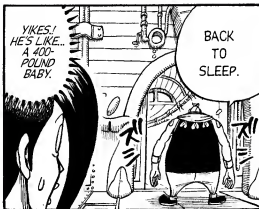
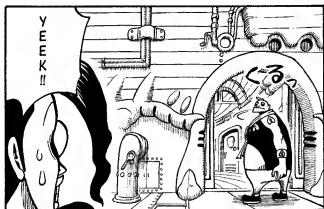
OH...I GET IT.
YOU'RE HERE
BECAUSE
OF THAT
GIRL, HUH?
HEH HEH...

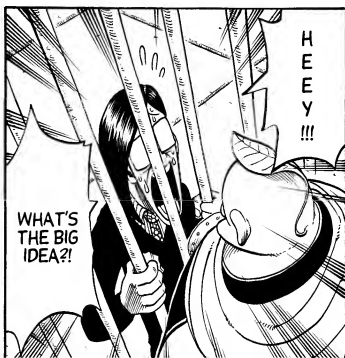
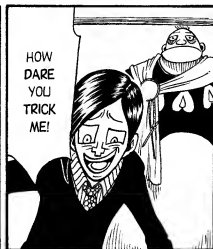
MUSICA...WE
DON'T MIND
YOU COMING...
BUT YOU'RE
INJURED. YOU
CAN'T PUSH
YOURSELF TOO
HARD. THE
SAME GOES FOR
YOU, HARU.

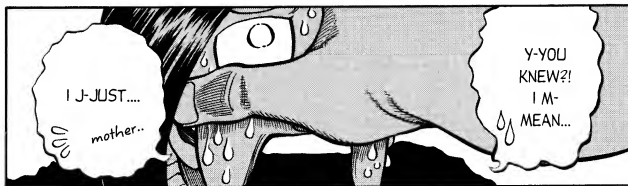


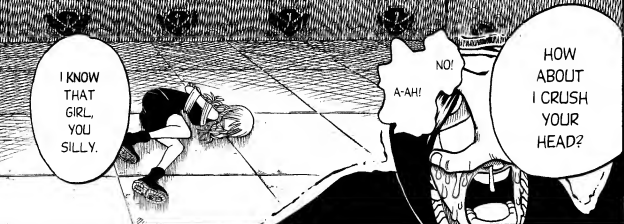








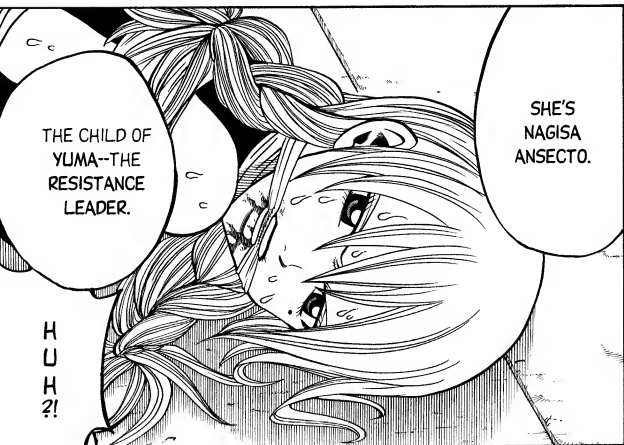




I KNOW
THAT
GIRL,
YOU
SILLY.

NO!
A-AH!

HOW
ABOUT
I CRUSH
YOUR
HEAD?



THE CHILD OF
YUMA--THE
RESISTANCE
LEADER.

SHE'S
NAGISA
ANSECTO.

H
U
H
?!

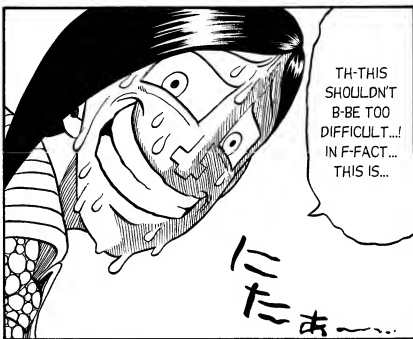
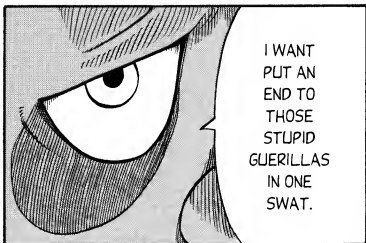
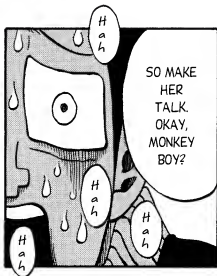


SHE'D
BETTER
REVEAL
WHERE THE
RESISTANCE
HIDEOUT IS.

IT H-
URTS...
AGH!

GAH!

AND I
JUST
WOKE UP.
OKAY, YOU
GET ONE
CHANCE.





YOU
WRONGED
ME--AND
THAT'S
ENOUGH!



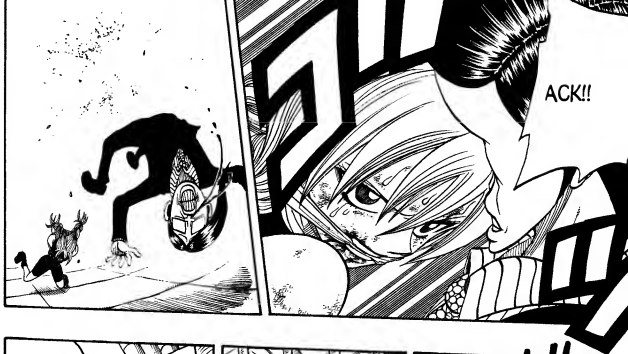
I COULD
CARE
LESS WHO
YOU ARE!



JUST
WINK AT
ME TWICE
IF YOU
FEEL LIKE
TALKING,
OKAY?
FANTASTIC.

THINK I'LL
LEAVE
THE GAG
IN SO YOU
CAN'T KILL
YOURSELF.

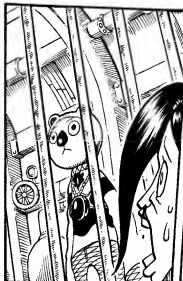
HEY...
NAGISA-
BABY...



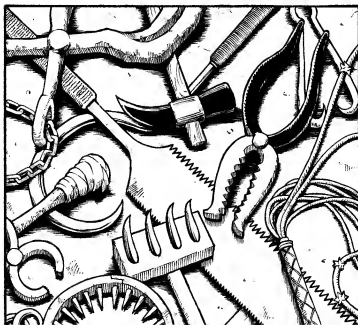
ACK!!



TOO
SOFT...
YES.



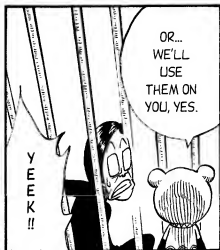
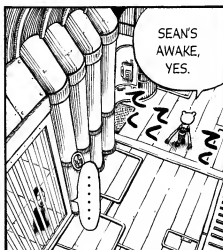
Y-YOU
LITTLE--

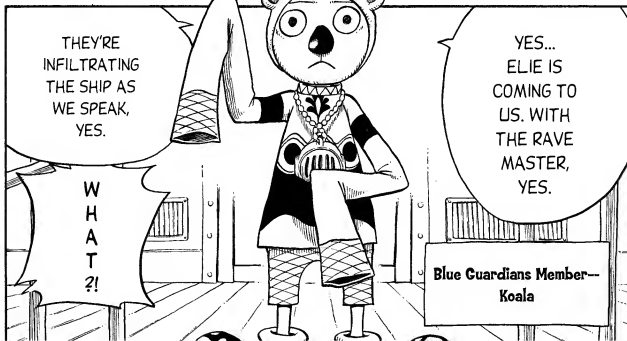
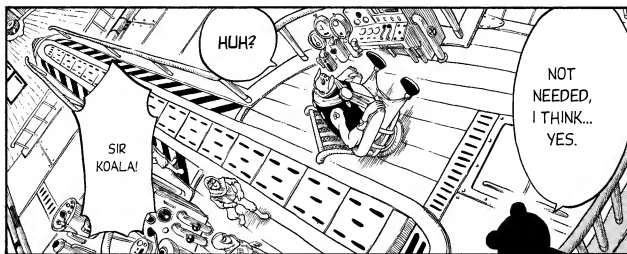


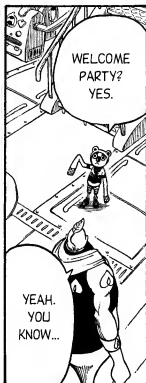
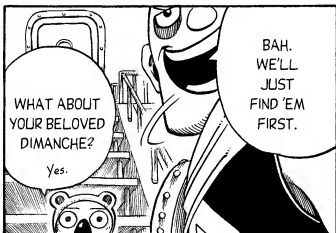
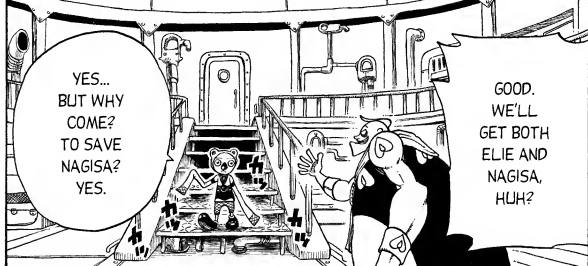
USE
THESE,
YES.

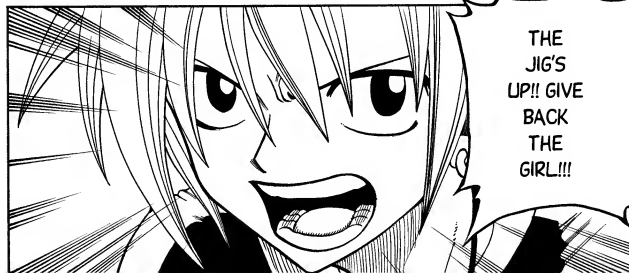
WHAT'S
A KID
DOING
HERE?!

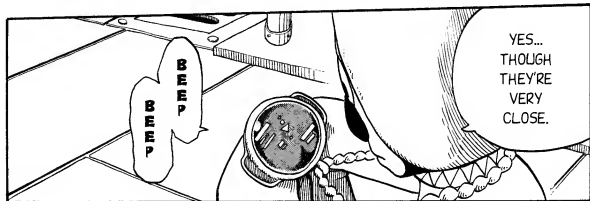
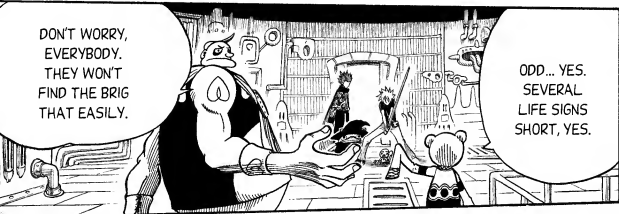
WHA-?!

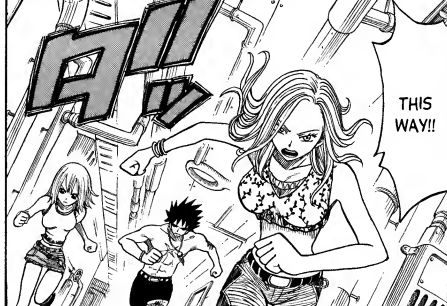












THIS
WAY!!



Sniff...

Sniff...



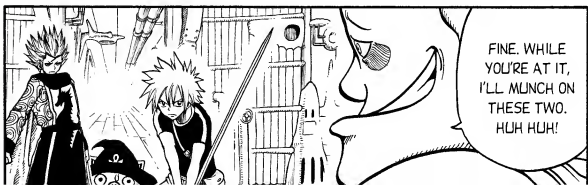
I'M
COMING
FOR
YOU!

JUST
HOLD
ON,
GIRL!

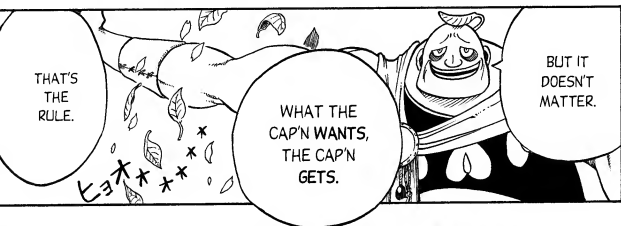


I'LL GO.
THE REAL ELIE
IS WITH THEM...
YES.

STRAIGHT
FOR THE
BRIG, YES.



FINE. WHILE
YOU'RE AT IT,
I'LL MUNCH ON
THESE TWO.
HUH HUH!





US GUYS
ARE THE
BLUE
GUARDIANS!!!



MASTER
HARU!!!

WHAT
HAPPENED,
POYO?!

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
THEM?!

PUUN!!

KUN

HI

Q & A CORNER

Q. So...Evermary says he's lived "70 years" in Vol. 20, but his profile says he's 64 years-old.

(Mizuho Tanaka – Miyagi Prefecture)

A. No way! Uh...yes way. What to do, what to do...eh, doesn't matter. I think that's what Evermary would say.

Q. Who's the chick on the cover of vol. 21?!

(Super Drill – Aichi Prefecture and others)

A. I already said it in the magazine, but that's Elie. She'd look like that with makeup on. Sorry– I won't do it again.

Q. Why does Lazenby have four arms?

(Kotetsu – Fukushima Prefecture and others)

A. The bottom pair are accessories. He's a regular person, not a Sentenoid.

Q. I figured out that the Dragon Dancers are Let and Julia.

(Sazabizu – Shimane Prefecture **AND MANY OTHERS!**)

A.

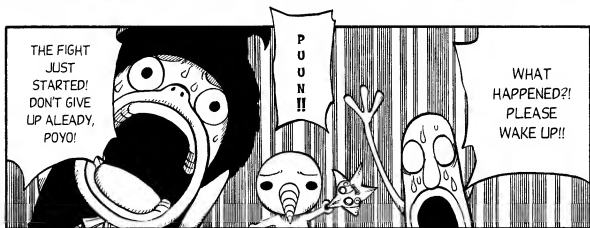
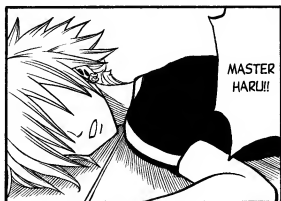
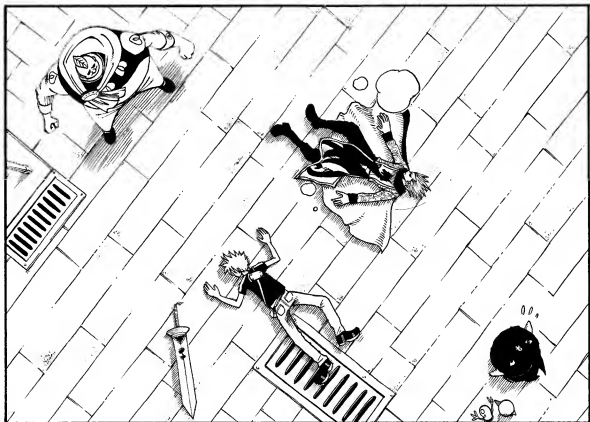
Q. Hey, make a "Fairy Tale" volume!

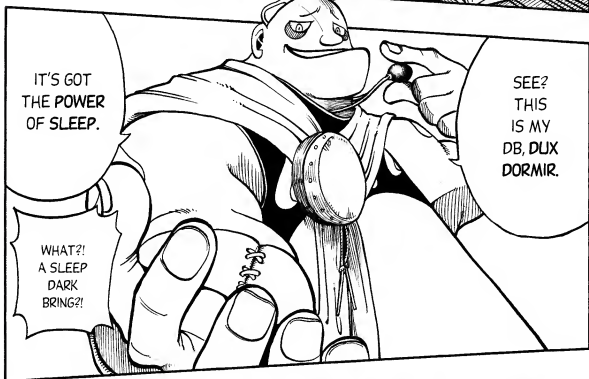
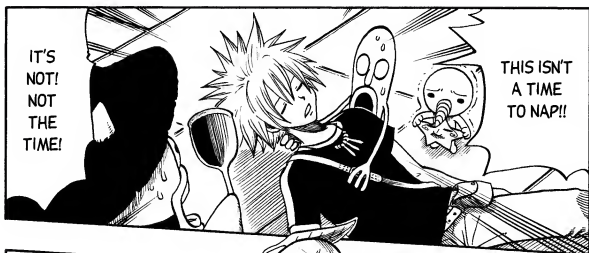
(Keigo Kimura – Shizuoka Prefecture and others)

A. Lots of people are asking for this, so it'll probably happen eventually. Oh, yeah! I was working on other pre-Rave stuff besides "Fairy Tales," too. So keep those hopes up!

RAVE MASTER









THEY
WON'T
WAKE
UP
'TIL
THEN.

NOPE.
SLEEP
SPELLS
LAST
SEVEN
HOURS.



MASTER
HARU,
PLEASE!
PLEASE
WAKE
UP!

THAT
BEAST-
MAN IS
GOING TO
CRUSH
US, POYO!



YOU CAN
WAKE
UP IN
HELL.



BUT I
WON'T
EVEN
LET
'EM!



NIGHTY-
NIGHT!!!



SHAD-
DUP.



WE
HAVE TO
FIGHT,
POYO!

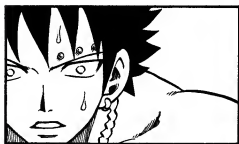
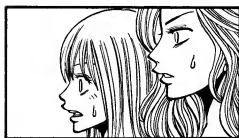
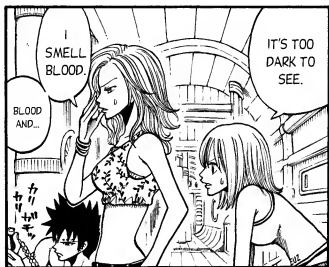
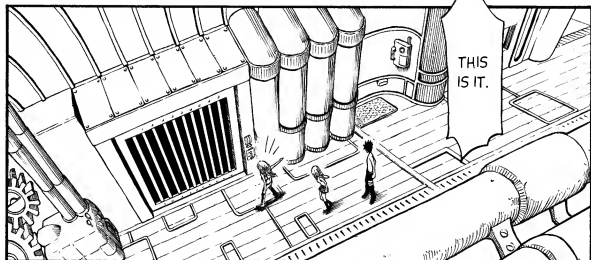
MASTER
LET!
WAKE
UP!



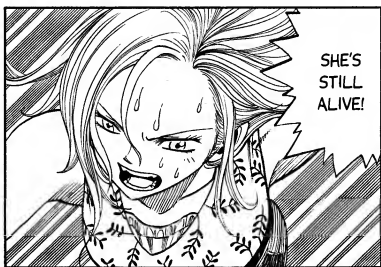
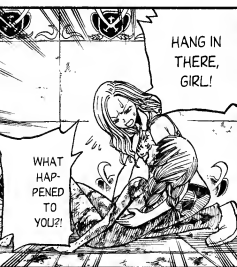
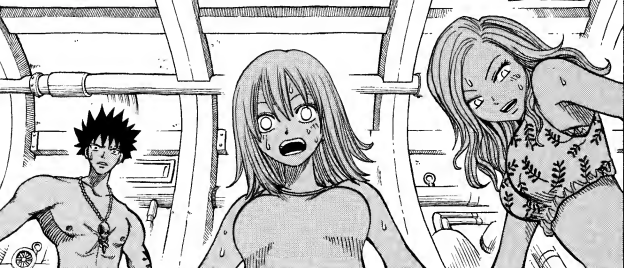
'KAY?

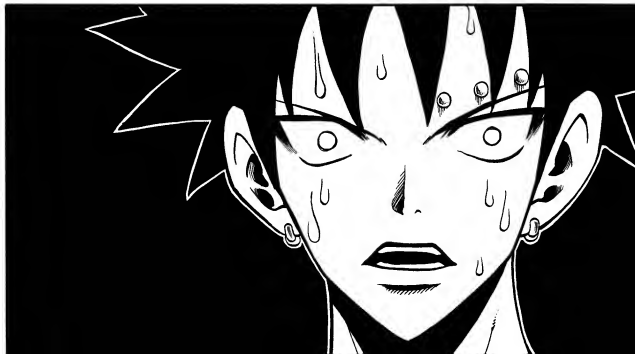
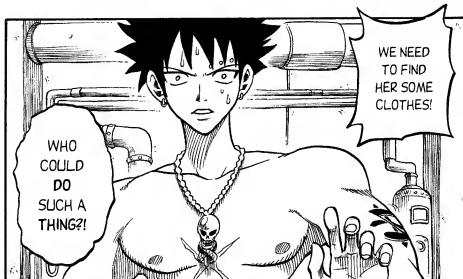
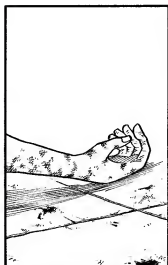
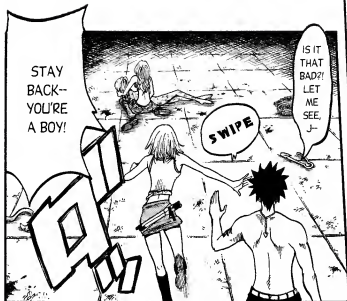
WHEN
HIS
HEART
STOPS,
I'LL
JUST
EAT YOU.

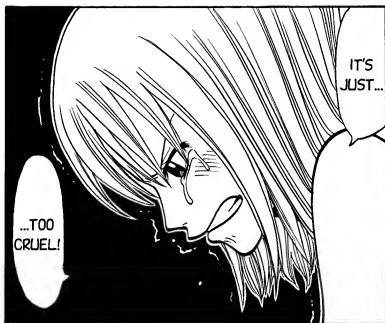
YOUR
HEART
BEATS
WHEN
YOU
SLEEP.











...TOO
CRUEL!

IT'S
JUST...

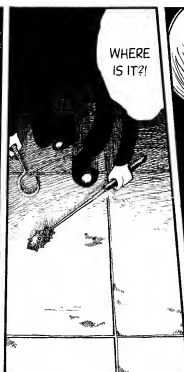


THIS
ISN'T
YOUR
FAULT!

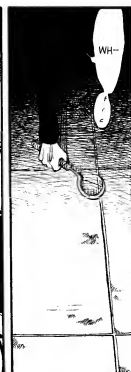
ELIE...
I KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING...



TELL
ME!!



WHERE
IS IT?!



WH--



Hah

Huff

WHERE'S
THE HIDE-
OUT?!

J-JUST
TELL
ME
WHERE
IT IS!
HA HA!
WH-
WHERE
IS IT?!

Huff

Huff

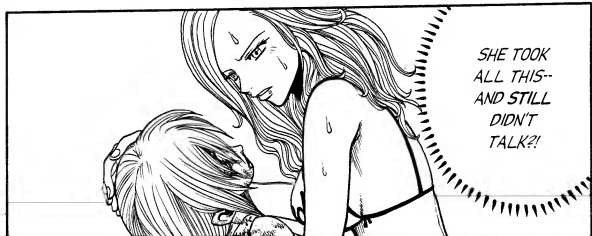
Hah



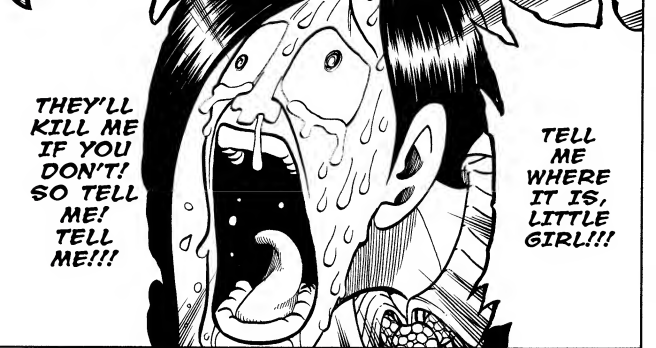
B
R
A
N
C
H
!!

HIDEOUT?
THEN THEY
WANTED HER
TO REVEAL THE
RESISTANCE'S
HEADQUARTERS...

YOU
DID
THIS?!

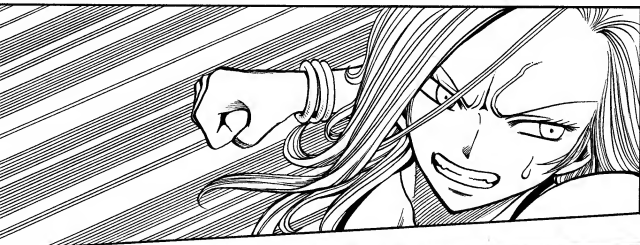


SHE TOOK
ALL THIS--
AND STILL
DIDN'T
TALK?!

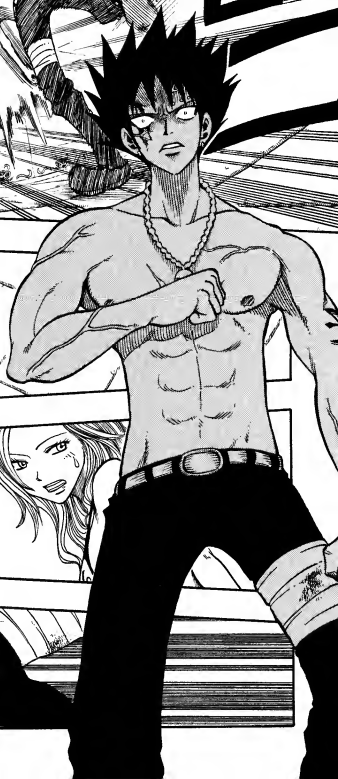
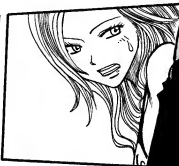
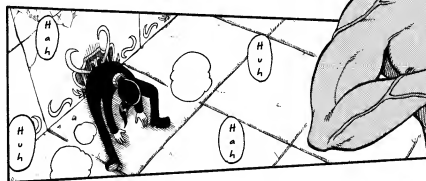


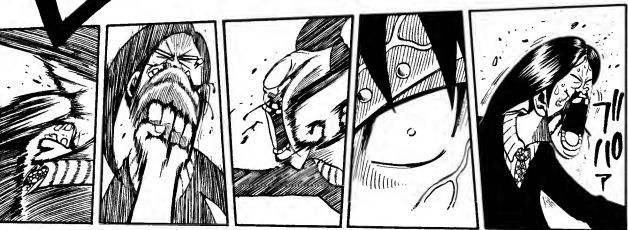
THEY'LL
KILL ME
IF YOU
DON'T!
SO TELL
ME!
TELL
ME!!!

TELL
ME
WHERE
IT IS,
LITTLE
GIRL!!!





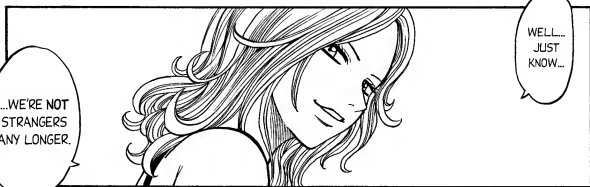
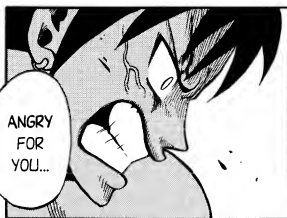
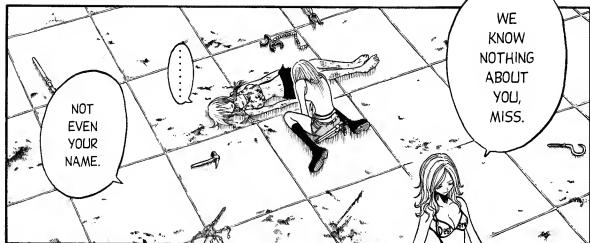


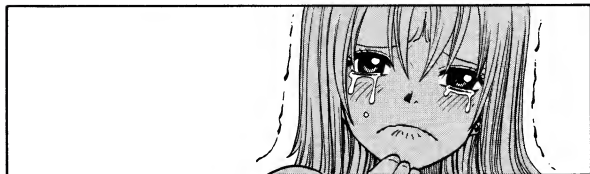
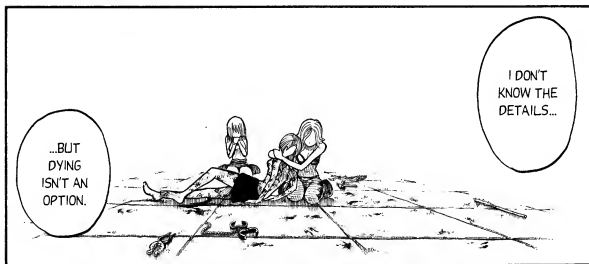
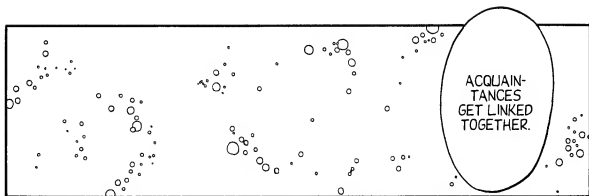


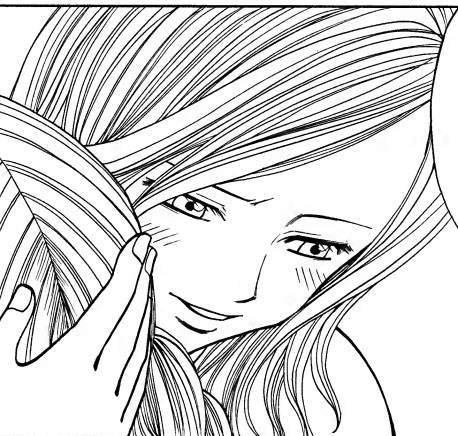


...YOU GOT
SOME OF
WHAT
YOU GIVE,
PSYCHO!!!

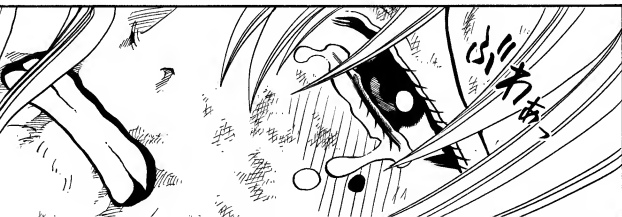


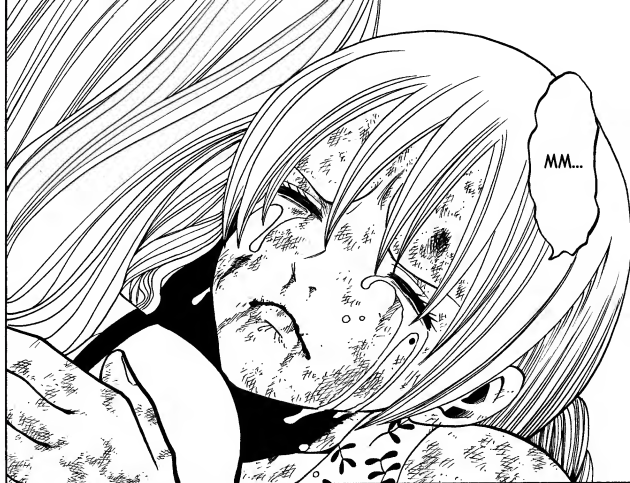


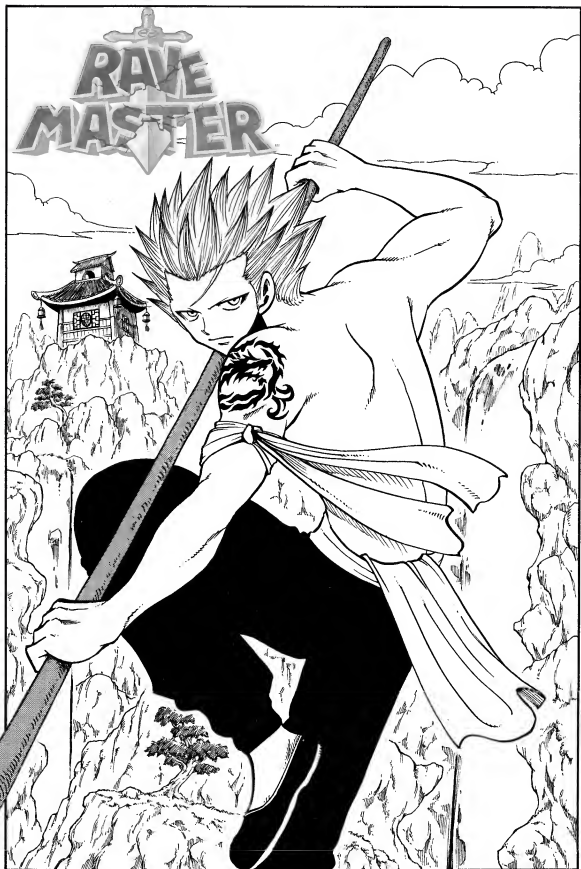


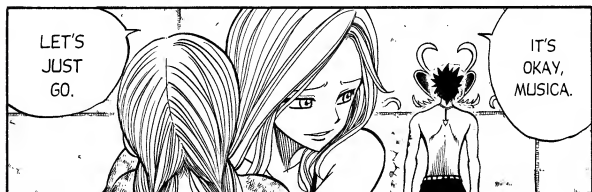
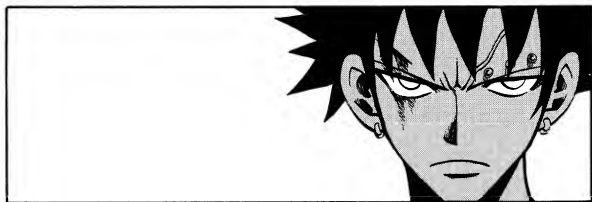


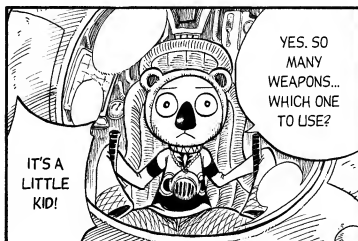
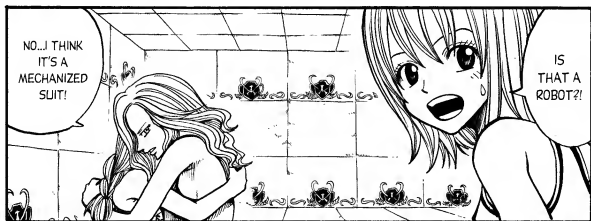
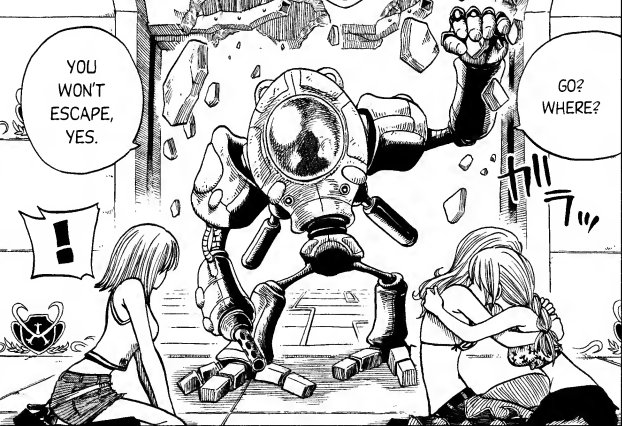
THE
POWER
TO LIVE
IS WITHIN
YOU, GIRL.

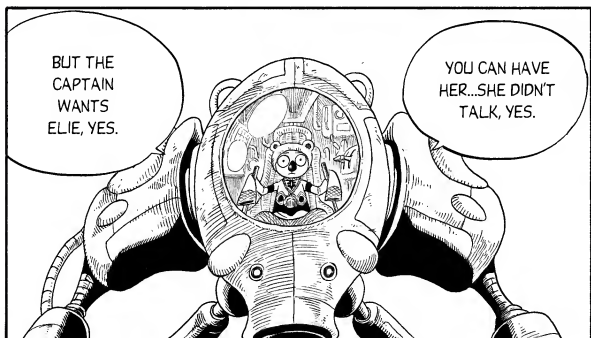
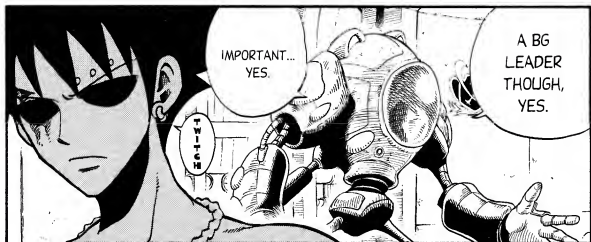


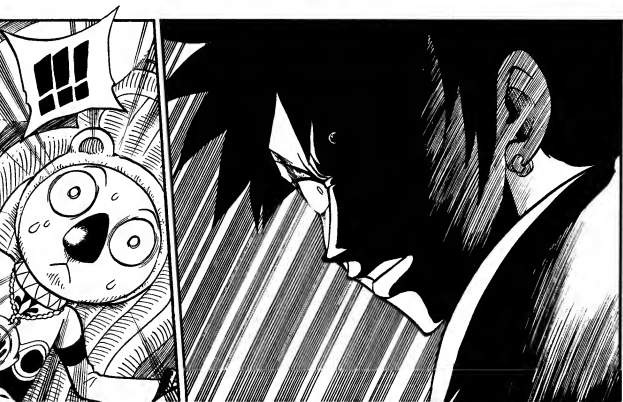
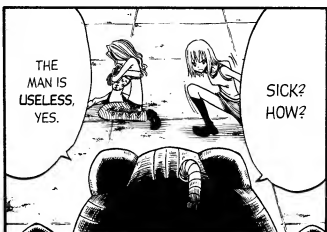
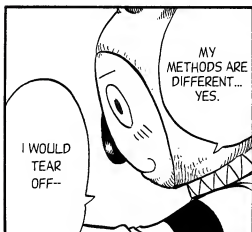
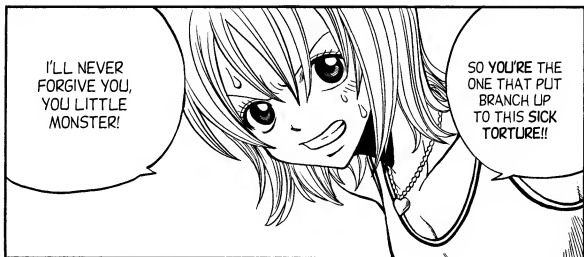


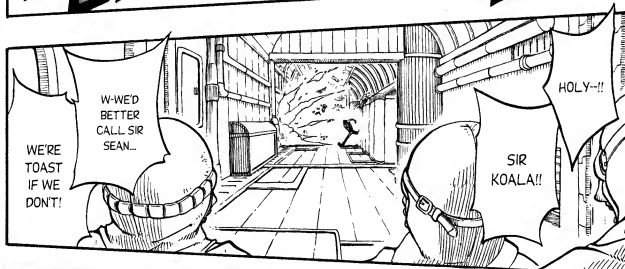
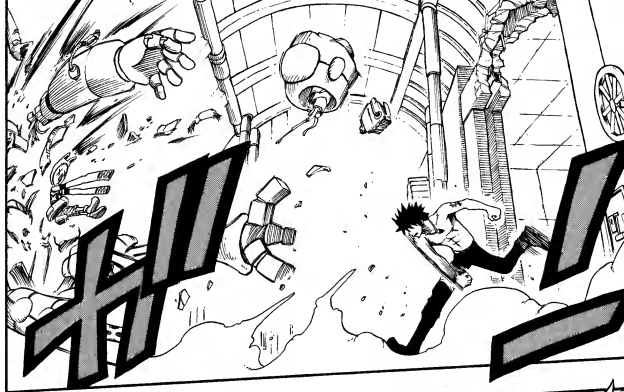


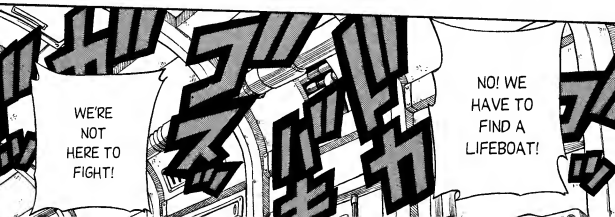
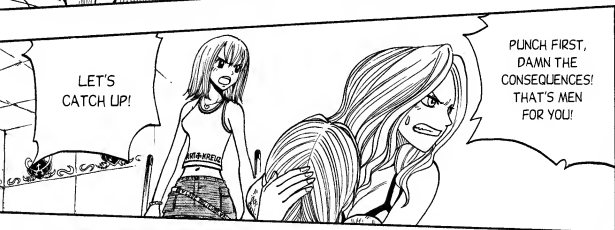
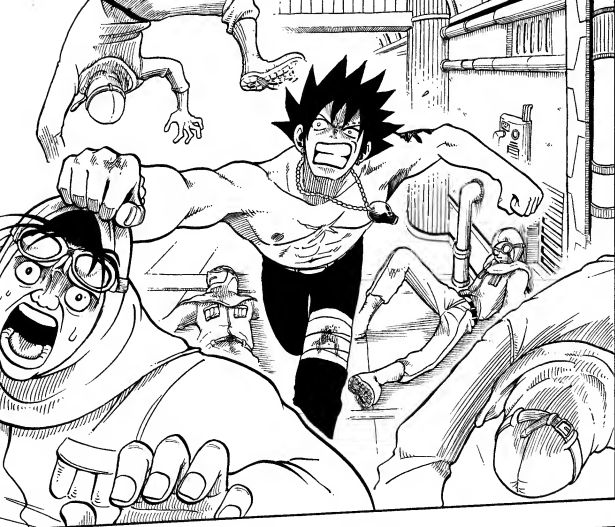


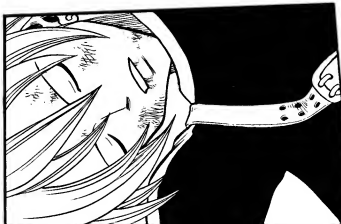






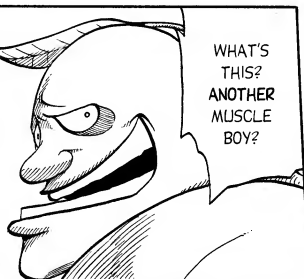


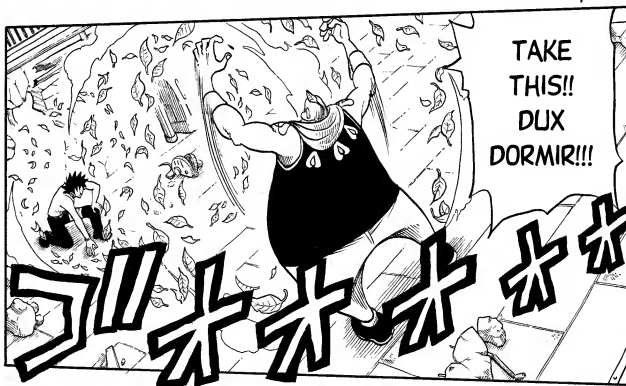


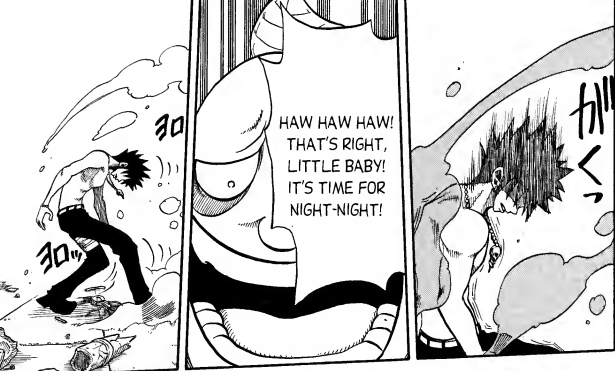




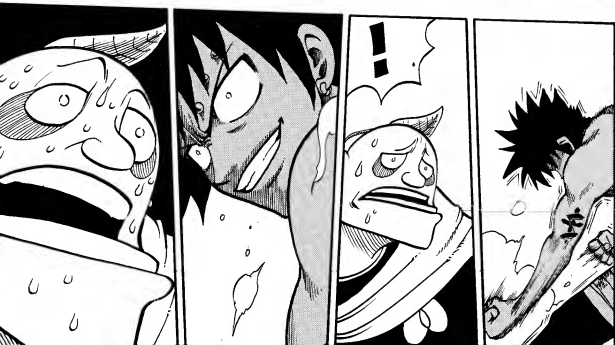








HAW HAW HAW!
THAT'S RIGHT,
LITTLE BABY!
IT'S TIME FOR
NIGHT-NIGHT!





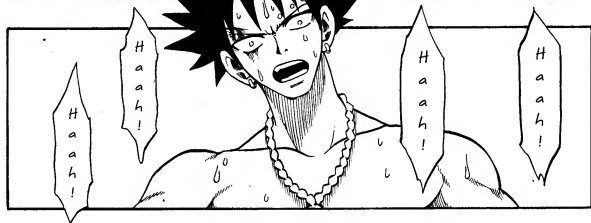
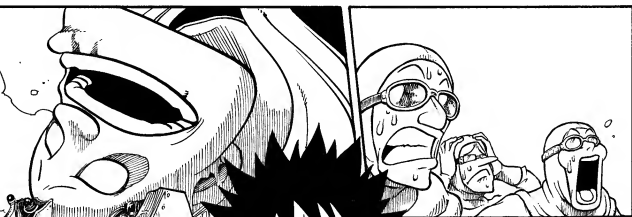
WHA--?!
NUH-UH!
YOU
CAN'T--

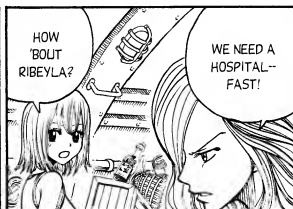
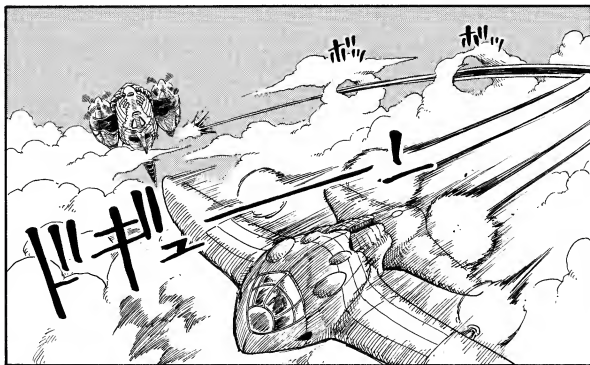
BUT
YOU, YOU
BASTARD--
YOU'RE
ABOUT TO
TAKE A
DIRT NAP.

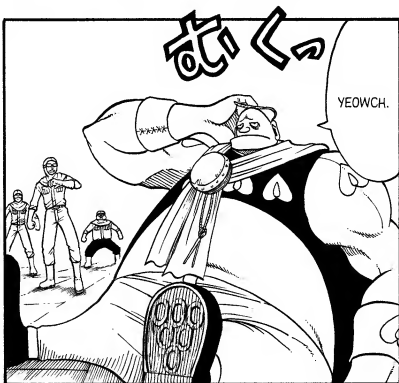
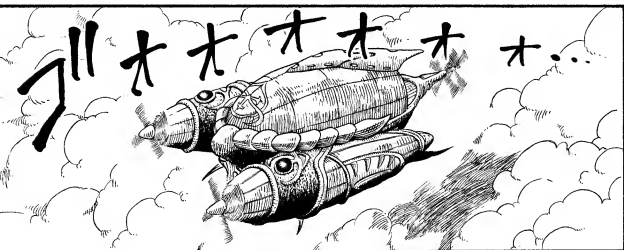
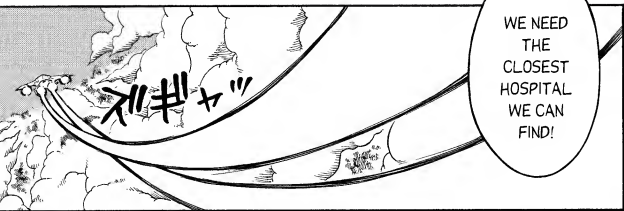
SORRY,
CHUCKLES--
BUT I'VE
NEVER
FELT MORE
AWAKE IN
MY LIFE.

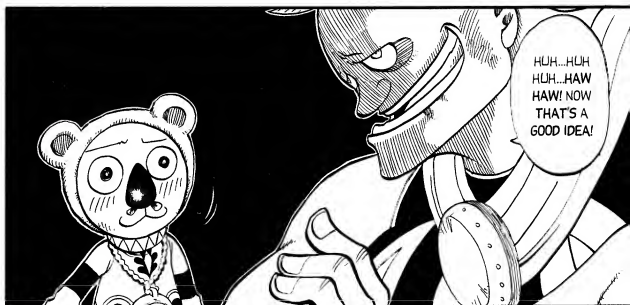
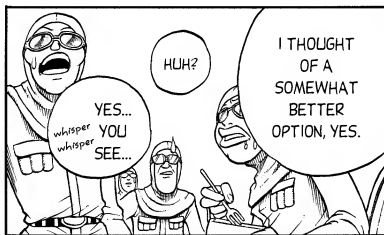
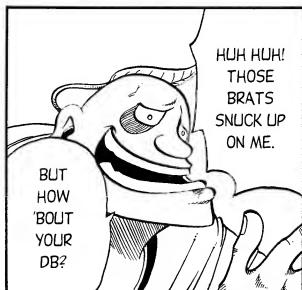


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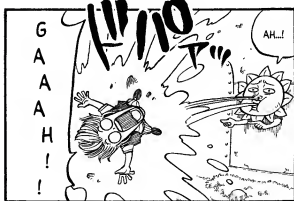
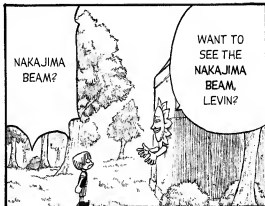
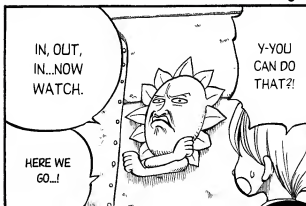




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“AFTERWORDS!”

HIRO MASHIMA

Finally! I finished my housecleaning! Everything's so very, very clean! Still, cleaning gives me the feeling that I lost a lot of things in the process. I have tons of manga. My other junk was like a mountain! And my old manga scribbles... whoa! They really stink. I shall seal those so no assistant will ever gaze upon them. I'm talking things like, pre-debut stuff from my student days...pencil stuff. What was it about? Ah, adventure. I called it “BEGINNERS,” and it was about the world's weakest swordsman setting out on a journey to make his parents notice him. En route, he befriends the world's weakest sorceress and the world's weakest dog (Plue) and survives by miraculous luck. Finally, in the midst of a chaotic battle, he befriends a swordsman, his first actual strong ally. But when he gets paired with the world's weakest dog (Plue), he can't do much. So--what does a super-weak party do from there? That's about where I ended it, actually. (^_^) But I bet THIS will surprise you...the really weak sorceress heroine's an amnesiac, and she has a scene where she charms this giant snake--just like Elie. She even has the same personality and hair. I mentioned before that I thought of Plue back in middle school, but jeez--Elie, too? I only realized it recently. (^_^)

By the way, there was a character like Let and a character like Tanchimo (the horse) in there, too. Hmm...progress?

Hiro Mashima